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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book examines statewide trends in well-being for Alabama's children. The statistical portrait is based on 17 indicators in the areas of health, education, safety, and security. The indicators are: (1) infant mortality rate; (2) low weight births; (3) child health index; (4) births to unmarried teens; (5) first grade retention; (6) event dropout rate; (7) projected dropout rate; (8) child death rate; (9) children with indication of abuse or neglect; (10) juvenile substance abuse arrest rate; (11) juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; (12) juvenile violent crime arrest rate; (13) juvenile violent crime court referral rate; (14) preventable teen death rate; (15) number of vulnerable families; (16) children receiving AFDC/TANF; and (17) children in poverty. The data book begins with an introduction, examples of community mobilization, and a summary of new information for this year's report. Following a summary of state data and information on using the book, the bulk of the report presents data for each indicator by county, as well as a summary of county data and county rankings. Indicators showing improvement include infant mortality rate, event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, children with indication of abuse or neglect, vulnerable families, and children receiving AFDC/TANF. Indicators with worsening statistics include low weight births, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, and juvenile violent crime court referral rate. The data book concludes with acknowledgments, definitions, notes, and sources of information. (SD)

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A breeze of change is blowing through Alabama. Unlike previous years, our state is experiencing a whole new and refreshing spirit of cooperation and collaboration that will ultimately benefit our youngest, most vulnerable citizens. For the first time ever, Alabama C.E.O.s have been meeting to discuss child care, brain development and early learning. Every county in the state now has its own Policy Council to coordinate child and family services and initiate new programs. The Governor's Infant Mortality Task Force is prepared to release sweeping recommendations to give babies a better chance of celebrating their first birthdays. Children even have an office in state government with the Department of Children's Affairs.

Small towns and communities are also mobilizing. Family Resource Centers are being built as community leaders and child advocates work to craft solutions to better the lives of those living in their areas. Faith-based mobilization efforts are also taking place. One downtown Montgomery church canvassed its neighborhood and determined that Success by Six would make a difference for the families in the area. The preschool program housed at the church has just completed its first year!

The *2001 Alabama Kids Count Data Book* does not reflect the current change taking place in our state. Every new initiative we begin today takes years before these numbers improve. The reason is that change, old habits, and trends are hard to break. Alabama did not earn the national rank of 46th in the nation overnight There is no silver bullet for change. The picture for families and children improves incrementally over time only as we develop ways to meet the needs before us.

The goal of the *2001 Alabama Kids Count Data Book* is to present a holistic, numerical portrait of the status of our children using the best available data. And yet the data is meaningless when presented without context. We hope you will use the information in this document to address the challenges children face in your neighborhood, community or city. In the past the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* has been a widely used source of information for leaders, policy makers, media and grant writers. We are gratified by this and hope that we continue to be a valued ally in improving the well-being of children in this state.

Linda Tilly
Executive Director

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

There are heroes among us in every city and community in Alabama. People who are touched by a problem and become advocates for others in finding solutions. Using data from the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* ordinary people can identify community needs, organize, and network for change in their area. Teamwork, commitment and collaboration are the keys.

Finding a SAFE Solution in Sylacauga

SAFE collaborates with the B.B. Comer Memorial Library to encourage families to read together.

Every quarter they met and every quarter they faced the same growing problems.

As members of the Drug Free Community Task Force examined the impact of their program on Sylacauga and its schools, task force members continued to see increases in juvenile delinquency, child abuse, drug abuse, illiteracy and other issues involving families and children.

"We decided something more had to be done. In the fall of 1995, we pulled together a broad-based committee of educators, businessmen, healthcare workers, attorneys, ministers and others interested in finding solutions to some of these problems," said Margaret Morton, executive director of SAFE.

To do this, volunteer representatives formed the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement or "SAFE." This alliance spent nearly two years studying community needs, conducting focus groups, and planning. They traveled to other cities such as Dothan to learn more about coordinated programs that are making a difference.

"We decided we wanted a family service center because our problems weren't just about children, they involve and impact their entire family. And because families have changed a lot over the past twenty years, more and more parents need support and services," said Morton.

In May 1997, the group established a Family Services Center to address the identified needs of families and to foster the positive development of Sylacauga's children. Money of course, became the number one issue.

"That's when the SAFE volunteers stepped up to the plate. Everyone pitched in where they could. Glen Stevenson, on the Housing Authority, provided a location for the Center; Mayor Jessie Cleveland worked to get us a line-item in the budget, and Sylacauga City Schools paid the salary of some of the new employees. We also took advantage of the contacts some of our volunteers had to help us secure flexible funding from the Department of Human Resources and the Children's Trust Fund," said Morton.

During its first year of operation, the SAFE Family Services Center served 1000 clients, providing both services and referrals. Today that number has tripled. SAFE provides a whole host of family and children's services including career education/ training, parenting education, DHR services, substance abuse and prevention services, mental health counseling, child/ family health services and child care services.

Volunteers assemble packets to deliver to new mothers and their babies born in Sylacauga

Mobilizing the Sylacauga community required its leaders to document the serious conditions affecting children and families in the area and educate policy makers and the public about the solutions available. It was not an easy job and took more than two years to accomplish. The results, however, have been overwhelming. SAFE continues to serve more clients every year and is now considered to be a model for other communities interested in improving child well-being.

A HERO in Hale County

Hale County District Court Judge Sonny Ryan was working late one afternoon when there was a knock on his office door. Opening it, a woman introduced herself and her 16-year old son. "I can't do a thing with him, he's yours," she told the Judge.

"I had to explain to her that I couldn't just take him and unfortunately, there were no services in Hale County to which I could refer them," remembers Judge Ryan.

The next day, the same thing happened again only this time it was a different mother and son. "This mother had actually brought his suitcase with them. She was at her wits' end she said, and could no longer handle the boy," said Ryan.

Judge Sonny Ryan (third from the right), Family Resource Center staff members and volunteers are working to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Hale County, Alabama.

These two visits have changed the landscape of this poor, rural county. Judge Ryan began a three-year quest to examine family needs and find solutions to the problems he saw every day in his courtroom—basic poverty, illiteracy, poor housing and unemployment.

"Not knowing where to start made it hard. First I went to teachers and we talked about the dropout problem. These teachers told me they could always tell who would not finish school. It was the children who came to school sleepy, dirty and unprepared. These kids are just existing because there is no support or direction for them at home," said Ryan.

To address some of these needs, Ryan and others set their sights on winning an Empowerment Zone grant from the USDA. One of the criteria for this grant was that it be a collaborative effort involving as many diverse groups of people as possible. Meetings were held around the county to assess strengths and weaknesses and come up with programs to address them.

A New Beginnings—JOBS class celebrates at graduation ceremonies at the Hale Empowerment Revitalization Center.

"Our motivation for all this work was a big chunk of money from the USDA. We, of course, did not receive this $40 million dollars, but in the process we began to chart a course for our community. We hired an outside facilitator to come in and do some strategic planning. The facilitator helped us deal with problems we might have otherwise avoided," said Ryan.

What they came up with is a one-stop shop for Hale County that provides comprehensive services and referrals to families and children. In 1997, The Hale Empowerment Revitalization Center opened its doors and started its engines. HERO, as it is called, tries to accommodate county residents who have limited access to transportation through its outreach programs and mobile rural clinic.

"Hale County is a very rural, impoverished community. We rank as one of the 50 poorest counties in America. Three out of every five children in our schools are at-risk. The more than 25 programs we offer at our family services center work to address these issues," says executive director Jim Kellan.

Hale County has become a model for other rural areas that are trying to address similar problems. And although this west Alabama county has not seen overnight, dramatic improvements in its *Kids Count Data Book* rankings, it is making significant progress, which over time will prove to better the lives of children and families living in Hale County.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship sings with children and families in the community during a week-long vacation bible school program.

Not all community mobilization projects involve an entire city or county. Sometimes a program is needed to assist citizens in a neighborhood or small community. The premise is still the same, however. Someone sees a need, joins with others to identify a solution and goes to work.

The Sayre Project: Sayre is a rural community fifteen miles from the heart of downtown Birmingham. During the first half of the century, it was a thriving mining town. When the mines closed in 1972, Sayre was left to decay, with no businesses, grocery stores or health care facilities available for its population. Russell Jackson with Kid One Transport first identified the needs of this isolated community when he came to pick up a child and take him to the doctor. He called A Family Place, a non-profit counseling center in Birmingham for assistance.

Mike Bramlett, Co-director of the Sayre Project, plays with a resident of the community.

"Barbara Williams was director of the counseling at Family Place at that time. She realized that families couldn't be counseled until their basic needs were met," said Bonnie Roberts, executive director of the Sayre Revitalization Project.

Basic needs included health care, transportation and housing improvements. Families in this all white community of 600 live in substandard housing built for miners in the 1940s. There was no indoor plumbing for many, the roofs leaked and other parts of the houses needed care.

Family Place was able to take federal grant money to buy land for a community center. The Corporate Foundation for Children, Alabama Power Company and Birmingham churches came in to offer financial help and other assistance.

The community center will be completed in December 2001. But even more exciting is a meeting scheduled for summer 2001 involving other poor, rural communities like Cardiff, Brookside, and Adamsville. By mobilizing residents in these isolated West Jefferson communities, Roberts and others hope to be able to pool resources and have an even greater impact on those served.

Faith Based Outreach

Alabama's 2001 Chess Champion, Jeffrey Bird, made a special guest appearance at this year's Preschool Partners Graduation Ceremony. Four years ago, Jeffrey had crossed the same stage to receive his diploma and now he was returning to support the other children who were going on to kindergarten.

"He's incredible. Jeffrey won the state championship for his age group this year. We are proud to say he started his academic career at our St. Lukes' Preschool Partners," says Lella Carl, Director.

Sharon Bester with her daughter, Tiaira.

Preschool Partners is a five-day a week program designed to prepare inner city children for kindergarten by teaching basic skills in reading and math. The children learn their colors, letters, numbers, calendar skills. Transportation and lunch are provided.

"The majority of our students have never attended preschool or day care. Most are cared for by a relative while their mothers work. Our program allows them to participate in a structured environment," says Mrs. Carl.

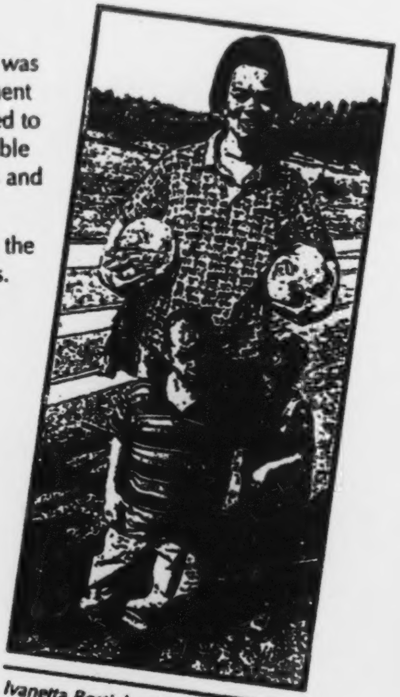
The major difference between the St. Lukes' program and other 4-year-old programs is the requirement that parents be involved. Every Monday, a parent or grandparent has his own class to attend.

"Attendance is mandatory. We know that children who do well in school have parents who are active and interested in their education. We line up speakers to address our parents on a variety of topics including stress management, alternative discipline, consumer credit counseling and even financial planning," says Carl.

The program also encourages family reading by having parents read to their children on Mondays during school. They get to keep the books they read and start their own collection at home.

The unique program began after members of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church were tutoring third graders in Birmingham Public Schools. They realized that to make a difference with children, early education was essential. New research on brain development and early learning shows that when exposed to good teaching, high risk preschoolers are able to catch up to their more advantaged peers and perform well in elementary school.

This fall, Lella Carl will spend a few days in the public schools to check up on her graduates. The work that she and her staff are doing makes things a little easier on the kindergarten teachers. Their dedication and the financial support of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church also paves the way for academic success for the youngsters enrolled in this important program.



Ivanetta Bostick with her twins, Ki-Jana and Ki-Shaun.

NEW THIS YEAR

Two new child welfare indicators have been added to the Data Book this year: the "juvenile substance abuse arrest rate" (children under 18 arrested for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness) and the "juvenile substance abuse court referral rate" (children under 18 referred to the juvenile court system for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness). These variables are designed to provide information concerning the critical problems of alcohol and drug abuse within Alabama's teenage population. As will be readily apparent on the "County Pages" of this book, there are many counties throughout the state wherein both the arrest rate and the court referral rate for substance abuse violations are on the rise.

In addition, the "percentage of the population receiving food stamps" and "all reported instances of child abuse or neglect" (irrespective of whether child abuse or neglect was actually indicated) have been deleted from the Data Book. However, a new variable, "children with indication of abuse or neglect" has been added. This measure, we believe, gets closer to the actual number of children who are experiencing abuse or neglect than the more global approach of using "total reports. " The "percentage of the population receiving food stamps" was dropped for two reasons. A good measure of child economic welfare is already included in the database in the form of "children in poverty." Plus, the food stamp measure as traditionally presented in the Data Book focuses on the total population and not just children (hence, deviates somewhat from our main focus). For those who have used these two indicators over the years and wish to continue doing so, the most recent data for each variable can be obtained by contacting the Alabama Kids Count office.

As a result of these adjustments, a county's rank last year cannot be compared totally with its rank this year. However, because the changes that we have made are minimal, there will be little overall effect on the year-to-year rankings.

STATE DATA

State
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Ranking

Alabama

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total state population	4,040,587		4,447,100	
State child population	1,060,001		1,123,422	
Children as percentage of Alabama's population		26.2%		25.3%
The children of Alabama				
Under age 5	283,295	23.7%	295,992	23.6%
Ages 5-9	293,587	24.5%	315,345	25.1%
Ages 10-14	299,413	25.0%	320,252	25.5%
Ages 15-19	320,426	26.8%	324,580	25.8%
The diversity of Alabama's children				
White	702,982	66.3%	711,149	63.3%
African American	342,751	32.3%	357,442	31.8%
Hispanic			24,875	2.2%
Other Races	14,268	1.3%	15,344	1.4%
More than one race			14,612	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	TREND
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	756	607	12.1	9.8	I
Low weight births	5,171	5,800	8.3	9.3	W
Child health index	34,539	36,326	56.9	58.5	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,335	7,133	11.7	11.5	—
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	4,690	4,688	7.4	7.6	
Event dropout rate	12,524	8,938	6.1	4.4	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	10,194	22.1	16.7	I
SAFETY					
Child death rate	301	302	36.2	36.8	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	16,639	9,350	15.9	8.3	I
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1,512	2,636	316.0	552.0	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2,832	5,701	571.1	1,170.7	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	803	726	164.3	152.0	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1,843	3,396	371.7	697.4	W
Preventable teen death rate	248	268	76.0	84.0	—
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	4,477	3,654	16.7	14.2	I
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	92,978	35,476	7.8	2.8	I
Children in poverty	253,636	260,970	24.2	23.8	—

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	State		National		Rank
	1990	1998	1990	1998	
Percent low-weight births	8.4	9.3	7.0	7.6	47
Infant mortality rate	10.8	10.2	9.2	7.2	50
Child death rate	39	34	31	24	47
Preventable teen death	102	78	71	54	44
Teen birth rate	47	41	37	30	45
Percent teen dropout	15	10	10	9	33
Idle teens	13	9	10	8	30
Under-employed parents	37	30	30	26	42
Children in poverty	24	24	20	20	41
Single parent families	24	29	24	27	40

Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Licensed Day Care Centers	Exempt Day Care Centers
Autauga	40	5	13	4
Baldwin	90	14	40	24
Barbour	33	2	11	0
Bibb	10	0	3	2
Blount	25	0	5	3
Bullock	3	0	5	3
Butler	42	3	6	2
Calhoun	60	26	24	23
Chambers	15	16	13	2
Cherokee	4	2	8	3
Chilton	11	5	11	2
Choctaw	7	2	7	0
Clarke	17	5	9	4
Clay	6	10	5	0
Cleburne	12	2	3	1
Coffee	26	10	19	6
Colbert	27	0	13	9
Conecuh	6	5	6	0
Coosa	5	3	2	0
Covington	29	6	13	3
Crenshaw	18	5	4	1
Cullman	21	0	22	6
Dale	42	0	15	7
Dallas	41	11	17	6
DeKalb	16	14	22	1
Elmore	59	0	17	14
Escambia	24	0	12	6
Etowah	22	11	25	18
Fayette	7	6	2	3
Franklin	22	8	5	2
Geneva	14	13	13	1
Greene	3	2	4	1
Hale	26	5	4	2
Henry	13	3	6	2
Houston	45	1	61	18
Jackson	24	17	13	6
Jefferson	222	48	226	155
Lamar	21	4	6	2
Lauderdale	14	6	14	11
Lawrence	7	5	9	0
Lee	100	4	36	5
Limestone	29	7	10	5
Lowndes	7	0	1	1
Macon	25	0	5	3
Madison	169	9	84	29
Marengo	15	7	14	1
Marion	55	0	6	3
Marshall	25	6	26	10
Mobile	211	20	95	97
Monroe	15	8	7	2
Montgomery	230	0	135	33
Morgan	48	1	36	13
Perry	7	1	7	1
Pickens	8	5	5	3
Pike	49	15	7	3
Randolph	12	7	9	0
Russell	22	5	16	7
St. Clair	15	8	10	10
Shelby	44	15	39	15
Sumter	4	2	9	1
Talladega	16	26	23	9
Tallapoosa	56	0	15	8
Tuscaloosa	61	8	45	27
Walker	5	8	13	7
Washington	5	9	4	0
Wilcox	4	2	3	3
Winston	18	15	4	0
TOTAL	2,384	463	1,377	649

Data reported as of September, 2000.

Improved/Needs Improvement

Improved/Needs Improvement: In order to show the progress of Alabama, five indicators were chosen that have similar success rates in the data collection process. All counties were rank-ordered by how much they **have improved from 1993 to 1999**. These data were obtained by comparing the actual amounts and the rank positions from 1993-1995, and from 1997-1999.

The counties that appear under the "improved" headings are listed in order with the most improved at the top of the list. The counties under the "needs improvement" headings are listed with most needed improvement at the top of the list.

INFANT MORTALITY

Improved

- Hale County improved from 64th to 3rd.
- Cleburne County improved from 61st to 6th.
- Jackson County improved from 16th to 56th.
- Monroe County improved from 49th to 11th.
- Perry County improved from 63rd to 30th.

Needs Improvement

- Escambia County dropped from 9th to 64th.
- Henry County dropped from 4th to 55th.
- Geneva County dropped from 1st to 38th.
- Dale County dropped from 28th to 61st.
- Colbert County dropped from 10th to 36th.

CHILD DEATH RATE

Improved

- Henry County improved from 64th to 2nd.
- Clay County improved from 53th to 1st.
- Dale County improved from 60th to 9th.
- Monroe County improved from 58th to 8th.
- Cleburne County improved from 65th to 18th.

Needs Improvement

- Lowndes County dropped from 4th to 65th.
- Covington dropped from 14th to 63th.
- Franklin dropped from 17th to 62th.
- Marion County dropped from 11th to 55th.
- Conecuh County dropped from 7th to 49th.

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

Improved

- Fayette County improved from 30th to 10th.
- Calhoun County improved from 31st to 17th.
- Henry County improved from 46th to 32nd.
- Autauga County improved from 26th to 18th.
- Lamar County improved from 11th to 3rd.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 8th to 36th.
- Coosa County dropped from 35th to 53th.
- Geneva County dropped from 16th to 30th.
- Colbert County dropped from 21st to 31st.
- Coffee County dropped from 20th to 29th.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Improved

- Fayette County improved from 40th to 10th.
- Marengo County improved from 56th to 32nd.
- Calhoun County improved 31st to 12th.
- St. Clair County improved from 20th to 7th.
- Cleburne County improved from 16th to 4th.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 7th to 41st.
- Clarke County dropped from 33th to 54th.
- Henry County dropped from 21st to 40th.
- Pike County dropped from 43rd to 61st.
- Crenshaw County dropped from 27th to 45th.

PERCENT LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS

Improved

- Clay County improved from 46th to 5th.
- Fayette County improved from 48th to 11th.
- Butler County improved from 60th to 25th.
- Clarke County improved from 57th to 29th.
- Marion County improved from 21st to 1st.

Needs Improvement

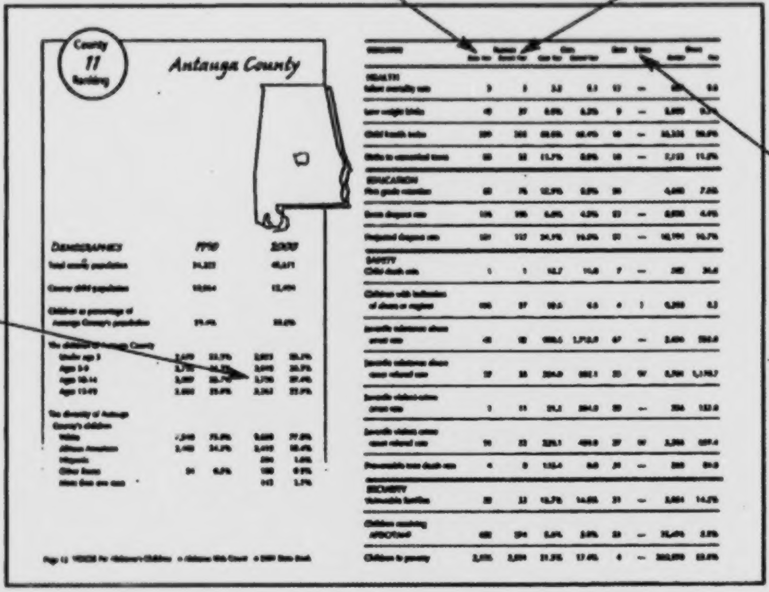
- Bibb County dropped from 6th to 42th.
- Houston County dropped from 5th to 37th.
- Dallas County dropped from 38th to 62nd.
- Escambia County dropped from 31st to 53rd.
- Lawrence County dropped from 23rd to 45th.

HOW TO USE THIS DATA BOOK

The *Alabama Kids Count 2001 Data Book* presents seventeen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. The Introduction summarizes the status of Alabama's children and their families from the perspective of VOICES. The State Profile presents statewide information about the condition of Alabama's 67 counties in alphabetical order. The Appendices include a map of overall county rankings, definitions and acknowledgements.

The state and county profile pages contain the most recent available data and historical data for each of the seventeen indicators. Actual numbers of children or events are presented along with rates or percentages that allow county-to-county comparisons. Base year numbers and rates serve as benchmarks to help measure change. The base year for the event dropout and projected dropout is 1995. The base year for the first-grade retention is 1998. The base year for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF is 1990. The base year for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate is 1988. The base year for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate is 1991. The base year for the children's health index and vulnerable families is 1994. The base year for all other indicators is 1989.

Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. The current year for children in poverty is 1997. The current year for children receiving AFDC/TANF, event dropout rate, projected dropout, first-grade retention and children with indication of abuse or neglect is 2000. The current year for juvenile violent crime court referrals and juvenile substance abuse arrests is 1998. The current year for all other indicators is 1999. Counties are ranked on each indicator from best (1st) to worst (67th). If counties are tied, they share the same rank. Because the number of events can change a great deal each year in sparsely populated counties, three-year averages were used to determine most rankings.



Current state numbers and rates are included to allow easy county-state comparisons. Population figures from the 1990 and 2000 Censuses are presented for every county.

There is an indication of trend for each indicator. The letters "I" and "W" indicate whether conditions are significantly improving or worsening. A dash(-) indicates the absence of any significant trend. The time span for the trend analysis is each of the years from 1990 through 2000 for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF; 1994 through 1999 for the children's health index and vulnerable families; 1995 through 2000 for the event dropout and projected dropout rate; 1988 through 1998 for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; and 1991 through 1999 for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate. Time span for trend analysis for all other indicators, except poverty, is 1989 through 1999. For poverty the years 1989, 1993, 1995, and 1997 were used. There is no trend analysis for first-grade retention due to the lack of historical data.

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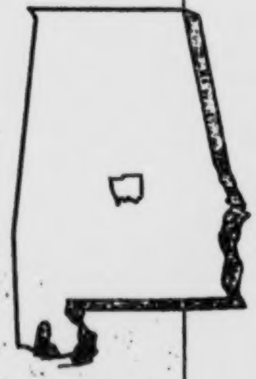
Autauga County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	34,222		43,671	
County child population	10,064		12,494	
Children as percentage of Autauga County's population	29.4%		28.6%	
The children of Autauga County				
Under age 5	2,679	23.9%	3,023	22.2%
Ages 5-9	2,752	24.5%	3,618	26.5%
Ages 10-14	2,887	25.7%	3,738	27.4%
Ages 15-19	2,895	25.8%	3,262	23.9%
The diversity of Autauga County's children				
White	7,548	75.0%	9,620	77.0%
African American	2,462	24.5%	2,419	19.4%
Hispanic			204	1.6%
Other Races	54	0.5%	108	0.9%
More than one race			143	1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	3	5.2	5.1	12	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	40	37	6.9%	6.3%	9	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	339	365	58.8%	62.4%	18	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	68	52	11.7%	8.9%	18	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	85	76	12.9%	9.9%	56		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	136	106	6.8%	4.5%	53	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1%	16.5%	51	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	12.7	11.0	7	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	196	57	19.6	4.6	4	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	92	950.6	1,713.9	67	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	354.0	652.1	23	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	11	21.1	204.9	59	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	22	229.1	409.9	27	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	0	135.4	0.0	23	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	33	12.7%	14.8%	31	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	652	274	5.8%	2.0%	23	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,156	2,091	21.5%	17.4%	4	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	15	20	10.6	11.1	57	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	96	137	6.8%	7.6%	15	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	856	1,047	58.4%	57.9%	23	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	125	188	8.9%	10.4%	25	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	166	137	9.1%	7.6%	37		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	435	293	7.6%	4.7%	38	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	518	363	27.8%	18.1%	38	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	11	30.3	43.3	28	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	471	226	18.6	6.6	30	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	104	225	898.5	1,504.7	66	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	120	218	1,031.0	1,456.1	63	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	21	60.0	140.4	38	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	46	52	395.2	347.3	25	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	68.2	87.2	41	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	73	101	11.4%	13.6%	20	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,185	265	4.2%	0.7%	2	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,286	5,614	20.9%	16.7%	2	—	260,970	23.8%

Baldwin County

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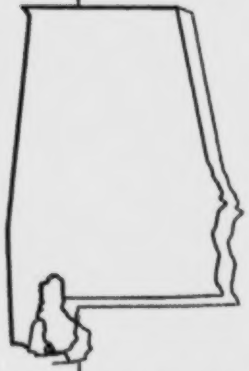

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	98,280		140,415	
County child population	25,455		34,320	
Children as percentage of Baldwin County's population	25.9%		24.4%	
The children of Baldwin County				
Under age 5	6,753	23.8%	8,621	22.9%
Ages 5-9	7,091	24.9%	9,486	25.2%
Ages 10-14	7,264	25.6%	10,144	26.9%
Ages 15-19	7,321	25.8%	9,463	25.1%
The diversity of Baldwin County's children				
White	20,452	80.3%	28,007	81.6%
African American	4,641	18.2%	4,718	13.7%
Hispanic			763	2.2%
Other Races	362	1.4%	396	1.2%
More than one race			436	1.3%

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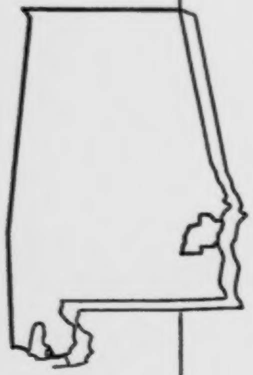
BarbourCounty



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	25,417		29,038	
County child population	7,438		7,383	
Children as percentage of Barbour County's population	29.3%		25.4%	
The children of Barbour County				
Under age 5	1,885	22.9%	1,788	21.9%
Ages 5-9	2,141	26.0%	2,053	25.2%
Ages 10-14	2,129	25.8%	2,156	26.5%
Ages 15-19	2,093	25.4%	2,149	26.4%
The diversity of Barbour County's children				
White	3,364	45.2%	3,101	42.0%
African American	4,029	54.2%	4,085	55.3%
Hispanic			94	1.3%
Other Races	45	0.6%	44	0.6%
More than one race			59	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	1	12.2	2.8	7	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	34	41	8.3%	11.6%	60	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	209	197	51.5%	55.8%	34	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	70	63	17.0%	17.8%	58	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	34	33	7.6%	8.6%	41		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	102	45	7.6%	3.4%	9	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	125	54	25.7%	12.0%	9	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	0	51.3	0.0	45	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	255	57	34.5	7.7	41	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	42	90.4	1,335.5	65	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	36	197.9	1,106.0	45	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	41	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	10	339.3	307.2	41	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	47.0	50.0	55	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	32	27.7%	22.1%	60	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	872	306	10.6%	3.7%	52	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,353	2,340	32.6%	32.8%	55	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	14.9	11.8	41	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	17	39	6.3%	11.5%	42	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	130	168	54.9%	49.7%	62	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	23	43	8.6%	12.7%	34	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	33	9.6%	10.1%	57		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	63	32	6.6%	3.5%	27	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	77	41	21.9%	12.7%	27	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	49.6	44	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	28	97	5.9	18.4	58	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	38	427.7	1,521.2	56	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	35	171.1	1,401.1	62	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	202.7	185.0	63	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	23	24	19.8%	16.4%	33	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	280	136	5.2%	2.3%	24	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,292	1,312	27.4%	24.8%	33	I	260,970	23.8%

Bibb County

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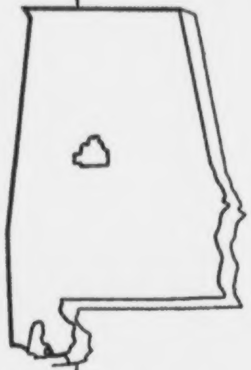

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	16,576		20,826	
County child population	4,829		5,286	
Children as percentage of Bibb County's population	29.1%		25.4%	
The children of Bibb County				
Under age 5	1,171	21.9%	1,449	24.8%
Ages 5-9	1,307	24.4%	1,530	26.2%
Ages 10-14	1,400	26.1%	1,454	24.9%
Ages 15-19	1,476	27.6%	1,407	24.1%
The diversity of Bibb County's children				
White	3,472	71.9%	3,835	72.6%
African American	1,357	28.1%	1,339	25.3%
Hispanic			62	1.2%
Other Races	0	0.0%	11	0.2%
More than one race			39	0.7%

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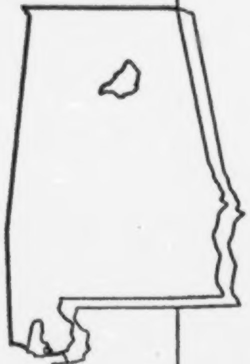
Blount County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	39,248		51,024	
County child population	10,108		12,948	
Children as percentage of Blount County's population	25.8%		25.4%	
The children of Blount County				
Under age 5	2,648	23.5%	3,528	24.8%
Ages 5-9	2,671	23.7%	3,633	25.6%
Ages 10-14	2,862	25.4%	3,662	25.8%
Ages 15-19	3,083	27.4%	3,382	23.8%
The diversity of Blount County's children				
White	9,731	96.3%	11,549	89.2%
African American	203	2.0%	177	1.4%
Hispanic			1,011	7.8%
Other Races	174	1.7%	98	0.8%
More than one race			113	0.9%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	9	9.8	14.5	47	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	59	7.1%	9.5%	23	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	343	382	57.8%	61.4%	6	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	39	5.9%	6.3%	4	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	71	2.9%	9.8%	33		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	113	137	5.5%	6.5%	48	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	123	159	20.1%	23.6%	47	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	64.6	45.8	16	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	200	91	20.1	7.0	25	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	12	325.6	224.8	39	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	29	54	600.5	1,011.0	24	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	21	20.7	393.2	14	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	96.4	88.4	22	I	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	22	24	8.3%	16.4%	8	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	254	197	2.3%	1.4%	13	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,807	2,323	18.2%	20.1%	11	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	4	38.3	26.5	60	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	14	12.9%	9.3%	64	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	95	71	55.6%	47.%	65	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	38	27	18.2%	17.9%	62	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	43	29	21.8%	18.7%	67		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	18	20	3.8%	4.2%	21	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	20	21	13.6%	15.8%	22	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	37.7	82.2	52	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	25	26.6	8.2	5	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	3	0.0	216.8	3	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	73.3	23	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	4	0.0	289.0	23	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	119.0	8	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2%	25.9%	67	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	718	266	19.4%	7.9%	61	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,718	1,114	50.8%	34.2%	58	—	260,970	23.8%

Bullock County

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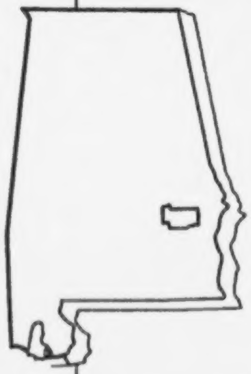

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	11,042		11,714	
County child population	3,422		3,058	
Children as percentage of Bullock County's population	31.0%		26.1%	
The children of Bullock County				
Under age 5	948	25.6%	737	21.8%
Ages 5-9	940	25.4%	877	25.9%
Ages 10-14	939	25.4%	875	25.9%
Ages 15-19	875	23.6%	891	26.4%
The diversity of Bullock County's children				
White	524	15.3%	403	13.2%
African American	2,880	84.2%	2,568	84.0%
Hispanic			54	1.8%
Other Races	18	0.5%	16	0.5%
More than one race			17	0.6%

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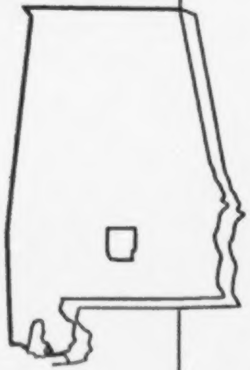
Butler County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		*2000*	
Total county population	21,892		21,399	
County child population	6,586		5,754	
Children as percentage of Butler County's population	30.1%		26.9%	
The children of Butler County				
Under age 5	1,639	22.6%	1,358	21.2%
Ages 5-9	1,954	27.0%	1,539	24.1%
Ages 10-14	1,863	25.7%	1,699	26.6%
Ages 15-19	1,793	24.7%	1,802	28.2%
The diversity of Butler County's children				
White	3,150	47.8%	2,786	48.4%
African American	3,421	51.9%	2,885	50.1%
Hispanic			32	0.6%
Other Races	15	0.2%	17	0.3%
More than one race			34	0.6%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	3	30.8	9.7	14	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	40	22	12.3%	7.1%	25	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	136	144	49.8%	46.8%	47	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	56	51	17.2%	16.6%	54	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	24	11.6%	9.6%	50		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	108	115	8.6%	10.3%	64	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	115	114	30.2%	34.6%	64	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	3	135.1	63.8	50	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	44	31.3	7.6	31	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	7	7	241.0	258.9	35	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	5	99.1	179.1	7	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	74.0	54	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	4	297.4	143.3	4	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	120.0	43	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	28	22	24.1%	17.1%	48	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	913	200	12.6%	3.2%	45	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,791	1,953	42.6%	30.8%	53	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	25	10	14.4	6.3	49	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	130	113	7.5%	7.1%	19	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	864	880	53.6%	55.4%	38	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	210	145	12.1%	9.1%	17	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	104	124	6.1%	7.6%	35		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	363	283	6.5%	5.7%	39	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	399	315	22.9%	21.3%	37	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	1	30.6	4.8	11	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	578	295	20.1	11.2	57	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	74	43	508.0	340.1	48	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	191	194	1,348.8	1,486.4	59	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	35	15	251.8	118.7	51	I	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	90	88	635.6	674.2	47	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	9	5	85.7	55.4	38	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	122	68	16.7%	10.%	12	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,172	937	6.4%	3.1%	39	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,511	6,937	19.2%	24.5%	30	—	260,970	23.8%

Calhoun County

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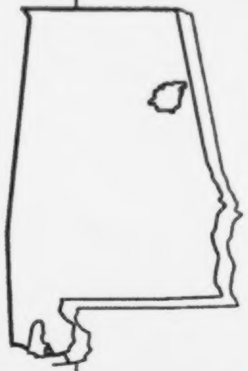

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	116,034		112,249	
County child population	29,046		26,456	
Children as percentage of Calhoun County's population	25.0%		23.6%	
The children of Calhoun County				
Under age 5	7,379	21.7%	6,926	23.1%
Ages 5-9	7,965	23.5%	7,410	24.7%
Ages 10-14	8,442	24.9%	7,469	24.9%
Ages 15-19	10,179	30.0%	8,180	27.3%
The diversity of Calhoun County's children				
White	21,732	74.8%	19,028	71.9%
African American	6,890	23.7%	6,242	23.6%
Hispanic			535	2.0%
Other Races	424	1.5%	282	1.1%
More than one race			369	1.4%

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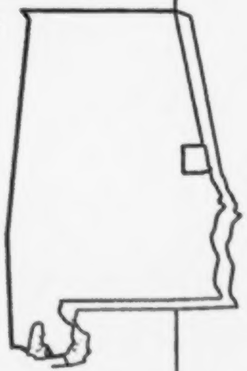
Chambers County



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	1990		2000	
Total county population	36,876		36,583	
County child population	9,559		9,017	
Children as percentage of Chambers County's population	25.9%		24.6%	
The children of Chambers County				
Under age 5	2,418	22.4%	2,430	24.3%
Ages 5-9	2,636	24.4%	2,604	26.1%
Ages 10-14	2,748	25.4%	2,475	24.8%
Ages 15-19	3,010	27.8%	2,480	24.8%
The diversity of Chambers County's children				
White	5,008	52.4%	4,666	51.7%
African American	4,539	47.5%	4,169	46.2%
Hispanic			84	0.9%
Other Races	12	0.1%	33	0.4%
More than one race			65	0.7%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	6	19.9	12.7	21	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	41	8.9%	8.7%	35	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	298	257	55.2%	54.3%	22	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	104	85	17.2%	18.0%	59	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	27	9	5.5%	1.9%	8		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	92	66	5.7%	4.5%	28	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	111	78	20.0%	16.3%	26	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	2	79.7	30.1	10	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	217	75	22.8	8.3	33	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	39	51	881.6	1,228.3	60	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	86	792.6	2,002.8	44	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	5	128.0	120.4	42	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	16	208.6	372.6	46	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	32.7	72.3	6	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	50	24.6%	25.6%	57	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	841	324	7.8%	3.2%	40	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,623	2,285	27.7%	24.7%	32	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.5	11.0	17	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	11	21	5.2%	7.7%	28	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	135	149	56.0%	54.6%	26	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	13	44	6.1%	16.1%	36	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	25	2.0%	6.9%	10		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	78	80	6.5%	7.6%	65	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	90	87	23.9%	28.0%	66	W	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	4	27.5	109.1	51	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	144	125	30.9	23.5	67	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	1	43.8	41.8	10	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	36	668.9	1,464.0	35	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	16	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	3	41.8	122.0	1	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	195.2	65.5	48	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	23	5.7%	16.7%	41	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	138	123	2.6%	2.1%	31	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	946	1,265	20.5%	25.0%	34	—	260,970	23.8%

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	19,543		23,988	
County child population	4,623		5,320	
Children as percentage of Cherokee County's population	23.7%		22.2%	
The children of Cherokee County				
Under age 5	1,132	21.3%	1,433	24.4%
Ages 5-9	1,199	22.6%	1,516	25.8%
Ages 10-14	1,451	27.3%	1,502	25.6%
Ages 15-19	1,529	28.8%	1,416	24.1%
The diversity of Cherokee County's children				
White	4,270	92.4%	4,810	90.4%
African American	350	7.6%	347	6.5%
Hispanic			84	1.6%
Other Races	3	0.1%	24	0.5%
More than one race			55	1.0%

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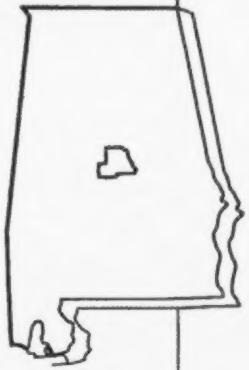
Chilton County



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	1990		2000	
Total county population	32,458		39,593	
County child population	8,735		10,165	
Children as percentage of Chilton County's population	26.9%		25.7%	
The children of Chilton County				
Under age 5	2,199	22.8%	2,734	24.5%
Ages 5-9	2,332	24.1%	2,838	25.4%
Ages 10-14	2,575	26.7%	2,896	25.9%
Ages 15-19	2,553	26.4%	2,710	24.2%
The diversity of Chilton County's children				
White	7,419	84.9%	8,323	81.9%
African American	1,305	14.9%	1,364	13.4%
Hispanic			339	3.3%
Other Races	11	0.1%	62	0.6%
More than one race			77	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.9	12.3	35	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	24	34	5.3%	7.0%	34	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	230	252	49.0%	51.7%	55	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	40	42	8.9%	8.6%	22	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	49	1.1%	8.1%	18		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	107	7.1%	6.3%	49	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	134	116	25.1%	23.4%	50	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	5	29.8	68.5	60	W	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	195	82	22.7	8.1	22	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	1	124.8	22.2	20	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	406.3	772.5	28	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	22	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	21	23.9	463.5	15	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	116.5	36.7	25	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	33	15.7%	16.3%	35	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	440	180	4.6%	1.6%	27	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,658	2,344	19.3%	24.2%	27	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	0	21.8	0.0	1	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	18	17	7.9%	8.4%	36	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	122	118	57.5%	58.1%	24	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	28	31	12.2%	15.3%	45	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	23	12	10.9%	5.6%	47		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	43	63	4.8%	9.4%	61	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	46	69	18.2%	32.0%	61	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	3	27.3	96.5	26	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	38	12	8.2	2.9	14	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	7	41.4	324.8	10	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	9	82.8	417.6	11	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	62	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	12	16.3%	14.6%	38	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	621	153	11.8%	3.3%	48	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,757	1,316	37.9%	29.6%	49	—	260,970	23.8%

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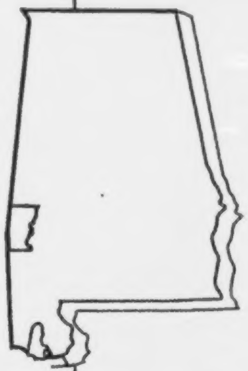

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	16,018		15,922	
County child population	4,648		4,148	
Children as percentage of Choctaw County's population	29.0%		26.1%	
The children of Choctaw County				
Under age 5	1,136	21.6%	1,103	24.3%
Ages 5-9	1,232	23.5%	1,074	23.7%
Ages 10-14	1,396	26.6%	1,203	26.5%
Ages 15-19	1,484	28.3%	1,161	25.6%
The diversity of Choctaw County's children				
White	2,210	47.5%	1,948	47.0%
African American	2,435	52.4%	2,139	51.6%
Hispanic			25	0.6%
Other Races	3	0.1%	12	0.3%
More than one race			24	0.6%

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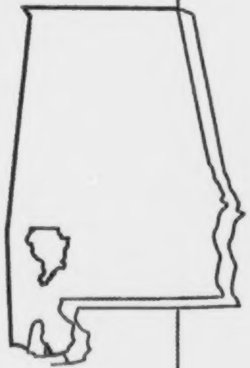
Clarke County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,240		27,867	
County child population	8,184		7,811	
Children as percentage of Clarke County's population	30.0%		28.0%	
The children of Clarke County				
Under age 5	1,948	21.4%	2,080	24.1%
Ages 5-9	2,275	25.0%	2,193	25.4%
Ages 10-14	2,439	26.7%	2,191	25.4%
Ages 15-19	2,456	26.9%	2,162	25.1%
The diversity of Clarke County's children				
White	3,824	46.7%	3,749	48.0%
African American	4,309	52.7%	3,907	50.0%
Hispanic			61	0.8%
Other Races	51	0.6%	46	0.6%
More than one race			48	0.6%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	4	11.0	9.3	33	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	39	40	8.6%	9.3%	29	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	216	234	50.0%	54.2%	36	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	74	71	16.3%	16.4%	49	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	62	53	12.4%	10.8%	60		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	43	23	2.5%	1.6%	8	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	50	28	9.8%	6.1%	8	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	3	78.1	49.5	61	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	63	17.7	8.1	27	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	19	131.1	500.4	38	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	49.5	286.8	9	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	25.1	52.7	40	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	11	123.7	286.8	12	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	200.8	40.7	20	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	34	18.0%	21.4%	54	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,090	553	12.0%	6.3%	60	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,608	2,457	32.0%	29.9%	50	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	0	16.9	0.0	31	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	13	9	7.3%	5.4%	5	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	96	86	54.9%	51.8%	51	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	22	14	12.4%	8.4%	23	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	12	29	6.3%	13.6%	51		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	53	33	7.1%	4.2%	3	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	53	35	26.1%	16.1%	3	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	42	49	12.7	14.4	60	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	255.1	15	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	20	7	1,182.0	434.0	11	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	5	236.4	310.0	34	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	277.6	196.9	42	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	7	11.3%	9.6%	14	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	159	66	4.3%	1.7%	29	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	642	727	19.8%	21.8%	18	—	260,970	23.8%

Clay County

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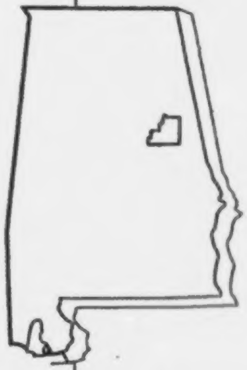

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	13,252		14,254	
County child population	3,307		3,397	
Children as percentage of Clay County's population	25.0%		23.8%	
The children of Clay County				
Under age 5	788	21.2%	877	23.4%
Ages 5-9	918	24.7%	921	24.5%
Ages 10-14	957	25.7%	979	26.1%
Ages 15-19	1,056	28.4%	977	26.0%
The diversity of Clay County's children				
White	2,571	77.7%	2,610	76.8%
African American	732	22.1%	674	19.8%
Hispanic			57	1.7%
Other Races	4	0.1%	16	0.5%
More than one race			40	1.2%

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Cleburne County

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	12,730		14,123	
County child population	3,308		3,435	
Children as percentage of Cleburne County's population	26.0%		24.3%	
The children of Cleburne County				
Under age 5	854	23.0%	867	22.7%
Ages 5-9	916	24.6%	997	26.2%
Ages 10-14	939	25.2%	982	25.8%
Ages 15-19	1,011	27.2%	966	25.3%
The diversity of Cleburne County's children				
White	3,060	92.5%	3,175	92.4%
African American	224	6.8%	147	4.3%
Hispanic			56	1.6%
Other Races	24	0.7%	14	0.4%
More than one race			43	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	12.5	5.3	6	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	9	15	5.6%	8.0%	21	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	82	90	59.4%	48.1%	56	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	11	9	6.9%	4.8%	2	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	17	24	7.3%	11.3%	40		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	22	40	3.1%	5.7%	44	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	45	12.1%	20.8%	46	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	121	85	37.0	24.7	66	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	4	3	264.7	183.6	12	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	15	375.6	908.5	14	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	61.2	55	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	6	0.0	363.4	22	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	292.4	96.9	4	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	6	15.5%	7.4%	4	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	137	53	3.7%	1.4%	9	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	577	782	17.5%	21.4%	15	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	2	8.9	3.5	26	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	53	48	9.4%	8.3%	4	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	302	332	52.1%	57.6%	30	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	49	46	8.7%	8.0%	29	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	35	4.3%	5.6%	13		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	139	143	5.6%	5.9%	36	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	146	141	20.9%	22.3%	40	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	0	37.6	0.0	3	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	165	98	16.1	9.1	40	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	26	462.4	555.8	54	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	49	75	975.4	1,558.9	51	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	9	40.4	192.4	45	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	18	378.2	374.1	18	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	66.8	51	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	24	23	9.1%	9.8%	22	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	532	337	4.6%	2.8%	33	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,947	2,391	19.0%	23.1%	23	W	260,970	23.8%

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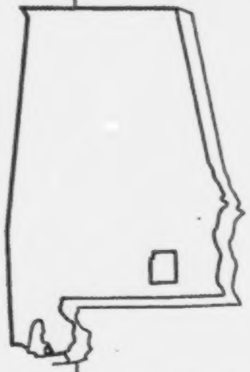

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	40,240		43,615	
County child population	10,371		10,806	
Children as percentage of Coffee County's population	25.8%		24.8%	
The children of Coffee County				
Under age 5	2,694	23.3%	2,718	22.7%
Ages 5-9	2,749	23.7%	2,947	24.6%
Ages 10-14	2,949	25.5%	3,184	26.6%
Ages 15-19	3,191	27.5%	3,115	26.0%
The diversity of Coffee County's children				
White	7,868	75.9%	7,443	68.9%
African American	2,358	22.7%	2,416	22.4%
Hispanic			436	4.0%
Other Races	145	1.4%	250	2.3%
More than one race			261	2.4%

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Colbert County

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	51,666		54,984	
County child population	12,493		13,077	
Children as percentage of Colbert County's population	24.2%		23.8%	
The children of Colbert County				
Under age 5	3,406	24.3%	3,358	23.2%
Ages 5-9	3,449	24.6%	3,728	25.8%
Ages 10-14	3,581	25.5%	3,735	25.8%
Ages 15-19	3,590	25.6%	3,645	25.2%
The diversity of Colbert County's children				
White	9,631	77.1%	9,875	75.5%
African American	2,725	21.8%	2,692	20.6%
Hispanic			230	1.8%
Other Races	137	1.1%	121	0.9%
More than one race			159	1.2%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	8	8.6	11.5	36	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	73	77	10.5%	11.0%	41	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	434	429	64.3%	61.5%	10	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	66	88	9.5%	12.6%	31	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	64	54	8.6%	8.5%	38		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	125	114	5.0%	4.9%	46	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	145	122	18.3%	18.1%	45	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	29.9	33.0	14	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	137	82	11.0	6.3	9	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	31	395.3	589.8	49	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	32.6	202.8	5	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	6	0.0	114.2	44	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	10	16.3	184.4	20	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	26.6	90.7	44	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	40	54	12.7%	17.9%	44	W	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	507	98	3.6%	0.7%	3	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,479	2,590	19.9%	21.0%	13	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	6	23.5	29.9	67	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	23	10.8%	11.4%	61	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	111	104	54.4%	51.7%	54	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	39	24	18.3%	11.9%	42	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	35	29	15.6%	15.5%	65		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	26	37	3.7%	6.9%	58	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	34	46	14.3%	25.0%	56	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	2	64.1	72.4	49	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	39	67	10.0	18.4	65	W	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	6	0.0	356.7	31	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	17	403.4	968.7	15	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	46	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	6	100.9	341.9	7	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	518.7	99.3	3	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	7	18.4%	9.1%	39	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	459	400	10.6%	9.9%	67	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,406	1,479	36.8%	39.2%	60	—	260,970	23.8%

Conecuh County

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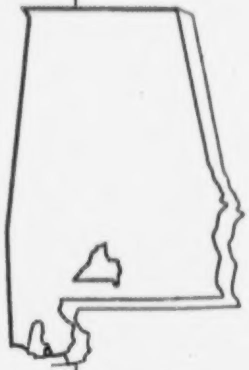

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	14,054		14,089	
County child population	3,838		3,648	
Children as percentage of Conecuh County's population	27.3%		25.9%	
The children of Conecuh County				
Under age 5	943	21.8%	875	21.8%
Ages 5-9	1,088	25.1%	1,073	26.7%
Ages 10-14	1,184	27.4%	1,044	26.0%
Ages 15-19	1,112	25.7%	1,022	25.5%
The diversity of Conecuh County's children				
White	1,784	46.5%	1,593	43.7%
African American	2,054	53.5%	1,977	54.2%
Hispanic			26	0.7%
Other Races	0	0.0%	17	0.5%
More than one race			35	1.0%

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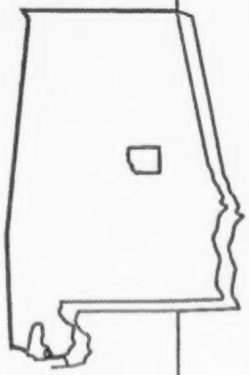
Coosa County



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	1990		*2000*	
Total county population	11,063		12,202	
County child population	2,875		2,891	
Children as percentage of Coosa County's population	26.0%		23.7%	
The children of Coosa County				
Under age 5	790	24.4%	759	23.6%
Ages 5-9	795	24.5%	797	24.7%
Ages 10-14	776	23.9%	845	26.2%
Ages 15-19	882	27.2%	821	25.5%
The diversity of Coosa County's children				
White	1,708	59.4%	1,664	57.6%
African American	1,152	40.1%	1,156	40.0%
Hispanic			32	1.1%
Other Races	15	0.5%	15	0.5%
More than one race			24	0.8%

INDICATOR	**NUMBER**		**RATE**		**RANK**	**TREND**	**STATE**	
	Base Year	*Current Year*	*Base Year*	*Current Year*			*Number*	*Rate*
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	2	0.0	14.8	20	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	16	21	9.4%	15.6%	66	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	74	69	60.7%	51.1%	61	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	32	26	18.8%	19.3%	53	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	7	6.2%	5.7%	29		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	24	37	4.4%	7.9%	67	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	31	38	16.3%	27.6%	67	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	76	32	26.5	11.1	53	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	326.8	24	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	16	145.2	1,289.3	41	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	36	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	8	217.9	644.6	57	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	111.6	235.8	67	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	13	15.5%	20.0%	53	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	179	84	5.5%	2.6%	37	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	637	667	22.3%	23.7%	26	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	7.6	4.4	13	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	35	5.1%	7.8%	16	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	254	287	52.3%	63.8%	19	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	61	40	11.5%	8.9%	38	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	25	6.9%	4.7%	15		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	110	118	5.4%	6.2%	57	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	130	135	19.3%	22.9%	58	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	4	13.9	58.7	63	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	65	22.3	7.3	42	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	20	140.4	483.0	45	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	67	80	1,504.2	1,899.3	67	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	5	90.9	120.7	28	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	17	25	381.7	593.5	43	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	107.9	115.6	56	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	22	21.5%	11.8%	37	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	662	241	6.4%	2.4%	35	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,633	2,612	28.3%	28.3%	45	—	260,970	23.8%

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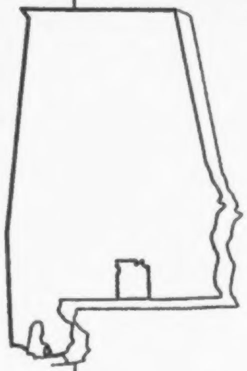

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	36,478		37,631	
County child population	9,343		8,860	
Children as percentage of Covington County's population	25.6%		23.5%	
The children of Covington County				
Under age 5	2,320	22.5%	2,223	22.6%
Ages 5-9	2,569	24.9%	2,462	25.0%
Ages 10-14	2,717	26.3%	2,593	26.3%
Ages 15-19	2,722	26.4%	2,571	26.1%
The diversity of Covington County's children				
White	7,601	81.4%	7,176	81.0%
African American	1,688	18.1%	1,471	16.6%
Hispanic			90	1.0%
Other Races	54	0.6%	60	0.7%
More than one race			63	0.7%

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Crenshaw County

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	13,635		13,665	
County child population	3,637		3,372	
Children as percentage of Crenshaw County's population	26.7%		24.7%	
The children of Crenshaw County				
Under age 5	896	22.1%	803	21.6%
Ages 5-9	992	24.5%	971	26.2%
Ages 10-14	1,074	26.5%	985	26.5%
Ages 15-19	1,084	26.8%	953	25.7%
The diversity of Crenshaw County's children				
White	2,440	67.1%	2,318	68.7%
African American	1,197	32.9%	949	28.1%
Hispanic			33	1.0%
Other Races	0	0.0%	33	1.0%
More than one race			39	1.2%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	3	0.0	16.6	52	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	17	15	9.2%	8.3%	10	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	102	100	61.4%	55.2%	49	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	21	16.3%	11.6%	43	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	22	12	11.5%	6.5%	32		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	41	25	5.6%	3.7%	37	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	48	25	20.8%	14.1%	36	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	70.0	0.0	19	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	98	43	27.3	12.8	61	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	124.1	29	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	22	111.6	1,337.4	30	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	12	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	6	223.1	364.7	49	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	272.4	97.0	19	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	12	7	15.4%	9.2%	45	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	90	8.7%	2.4%	36	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,077	1,064	29.7%	29.9%	50	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	7	9.1	6.9	18	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	57	84	6.5%	8.3%	17	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	507	550	58.6%	54.5%	37	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	37	75	4.2%	7.4%	8	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	57	78	5.9%	7.5%	30		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	202	175	5.8%	5.1%	6	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	220	195	21.5%	19.0%	6	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	9	15.0	64.9	36	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	208	177	12.4	9.4	36	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	31	204.6	379.1	37	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	109	95	1,356.8	1,142.8	32	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	3	25.2	36.7	17	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	20	46	249.0	553.4	28	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	58.1	57.9	16	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	51	8.2%	11.1%	15	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	303	159	1.6%	0.8%	4	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,901	3,470	17.4%	18.9%	6	—	260,970	23.8%

Cullman County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	67,613		77,483	
County child population	16,926		18,790	
Children as percentage of Cullman County's population	25.0%		24.3%	
The children of Cullman County				
Under age 5	4,463	23.3%	4,943	23.7%
Ages 5-9	4,701	24.6%	5,166	24.7%
Ages 10-14	4,861	25.4%	5,343	25.6%
Ages 15-19	5,106	26.7%	5,447	26.1%
The diversity of Cullman County's children				
White	16,655	98.4%	17,725	94.3%
African American	182	1.1%	167	0.9%
Hispanic			576	3.1%
Other Races	89	0.5%	124	0.7%
More than one race			198	1.1%

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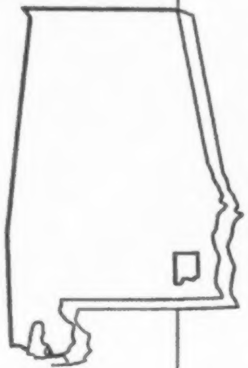
Dale County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	49,633		49,129	
County child population	13,846		13,047	
Children as percentage of Dale County's population	27.9%		26.6%	
The children of Dale County				
Under age 5	4,283	27.4%	3,686	25.4%
Ages 5-9	3,885	24.9%	3,694	25.5%
Ages 10-14	3,598	23.0%	3,513	24.2%
Ages 15-19	3,849	24.6%	3,620	24.9%
The diversity of Dale County's children				
White	10,082	72.8%	8,361	64.1%
African American	3,349	24.2%	3,427	26.3%
Hispanic			639	4.9%
Other Races	415	3.0%	224	1.7%
More than one race			396	3.0%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	7	10.6	9.6	61	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	50	58	5.9%	8.0%	12	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	438	433	55.0%	59.5%	12	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	56	54	6.6%	7.4%	19	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	35	4.8%	6.6%	21		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	120	105	5.2%	4.6%	30	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	130	113	19.3%	17.1%	30	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	2	54.2	20.0	9	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	272	151	19.8	11.6	52	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	45	555.2	877.4	58	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	40	108	687.4	2,067.8	62	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	8	86.8	156.0	56	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	29	42	498.4	804.1	59	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	6	50.9	181.8	50	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	24	13.9%	10.3%	17	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	674	404	4.3%	2.8%	41	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,759	3,446	20.1%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	18	12	19.8	14.9	50	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	74	100	8.2%	12.4%	62	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	453	426	58.8%	52.9%	48	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	176	173	19.4%	21.5%	63	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	48	88	5.7%	10.8%	53		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	152	104	5.8%	4.1%	22	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	177	121	20.6%	15.0%	20	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	25.0	28.8	23	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	328	111	22.0	8.4	16	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	45	17	665.0	275.1	34	I	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	61	245.1	967.0	43	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	10	9	139.8	145.7	61	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	69	67	939.6	1,062.1	66	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	22.0	50.7	27	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	116	85	33.7%	27.3%	62	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	4,023	1,156	23.9%	7.8%	62	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	7,325	5,467	49.3%	39.2%	60	—	260,970	23.8%

Dallas County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	48,130		46,365	
County child population	15,069		13,253	
Children as percentage of Dallas County's population	31.3%		28.6%	
The children of Dallas County				
Under age 5	3,870	23.0%	3,415	23.1%
Ages 5-9	4,276	25.4%	3,579	24.2%
Ages 10-14	4,310	25.6%	3,836	25.9%
Ages 15-19	4,388	26.1%	3,964	26.8%
The diversity of Dallas County's children				
White	4,713	31.3%	3,356	25.3%
African American	10,308	68.4%	9,653	72.8%
Hispanic			98	0.7%
Other Races	48	0.3%	67	0.5%
More than one race			79	0.6%

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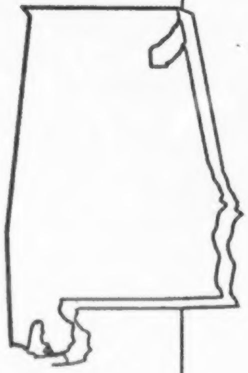
DeKalb County



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	1990		*2000*	
Total county population	54,651		64,452	
County child population	13,890		15,899	
Children as percentage of DeKalb County's population	25.4%		24.7%	
The children of DeKalb County				
Under age 5	3,362	21.6%	4,379	24.8%
Ages 5-9	3,804	24.5%	4,588	26.0%
Ages 10-14	4,138	26.6%	4,269	24.2%
Ages 15-19	4,231	27.2%	4,427	25.1%
The diversity of DeKalb County's children				
White	13,275	95.6%	13,870	87.2%
African American	305	2.2%	322	2.0%
Hispanic			1,292	8.1%
Other Races	310	2.2%	180	1.1%
More than one race			235	1.5%

INDICATOR	**NUMBER** Base Year	Current Year	**RATE** Base Year	Current Year	**RANK**	**TREND**	**STATE** Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	9	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	56	70	7.5%	7.6%	32	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	442	494	55.3%	53.6%	52	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	41	67	5.5%	7.3%	13	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	24	58	2.7%	6.5%	3		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	166	135	6.6%	5.0%	51	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	217	139	24.4%	18.9%	52	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	5	18.5	46.5	41	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	88	110	6.4	6.9	20	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	15	244.1	221.7	23	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	50	79	727.8	1,150.4	40	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	14.8	8	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	16	43.7	233.0	3	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	6	93.7	143.5	57	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	47	9.1%	12.0%	23	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	446	231	2.9%	1.3%	10	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,631	3,383	19.1%	23.4%	24	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number Base Year	Number Current Year	Rate Base Year	Rate Current Year	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	19	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	51	73	6.8%	7.9%	26	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	451	541	56.4%	58.6%	13	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	79	88	10.5%	9.5%	28	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	75	57	6.9%	5.7%	24		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	53	157	1.8%	4.9%	23	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	68	189	7.2%	18.9%	28	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	5	30.2	41.7	39	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	232	83	18.2	4.9	7	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	11	62	187.9	863.8	57	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	9	136	150.1	1,892.8	60	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	16.8	69.7	34	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	46	183.4	640.2	48	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	6	77.7	128.1	49	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	48	49	14.2%	13.3%	29	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	803	251	5.6%	1.3%	18	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,440	3,067	18.9%	19.3%	7	—	260,970	23.8%

Elmore County

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Demographics	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	49,210		65,874	
County child population	13,009		16,924	
Children as percentage of Elmore County's population	26.4%		25.7%	
The children of Elmore County				
Under age 5	3,327	23.2%	4,370	23.5%
Ages 5-9	3,566	24.9%	4,801	25.8%
Ages 10-14	3,614	25.2%	4,882	26.3%
Ages 15-19	3,839	26.8%	4,543	24.4%
The diversity of Elmore County's children				
White	9,452	72.7%	12,541	74.1%
African American	3,433	26.4%	3,708	21.9%
Hispanic			279	1.6%
Other Races	124	1.0%	160	0.9%
More than one race			236	1.4%

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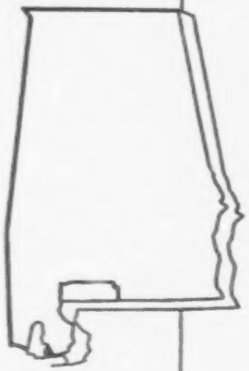
Escambia County



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	1990		*2000*	
Total county population	35,518		38,440	
County child population	9,488		9,270	
Children as percentage of Escambia County's population	26.7%		24.1%	
The children of Escambia County				
Under age 5	2,306	21.6%	2,390	22.9%
Ages 5-9	2,548	23.9%	2,662	25.6%
Ages 10-14	2,826	26.5%	2,614	25.1%
Ages 15-19	2,999	28.1%	2,750	26.4%
The diversity of Escambia County's children				
White	5,871	61.9%	5,357	57.8%
African American	3,168	33.4%	3,248	35.0%
Hispanic			118	1.3%
Other Races	449	4.7%	399	4.3%
More than one race			148	1.6%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.4	12.4	64	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	45	50	9.5%	10.4%	53	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	252	268	54.5%	55.6%	46	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	76	81	16.%	16.0%	47	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	49	7.5%	8.8%	42		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	94	7.0%	5.6%	40	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	137	97	25.0%	20.6%	39	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	40.3	29.7	58	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	238	62	25.5	6.7	24	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	9	22.5	210.5	22	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	21	104.1	478.0	8	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	117.0	52	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	21	62.5	478.0	39	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	32.5	35.1	17	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	37	19.3%	23.9%	52	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	843	140	7.9%	1.3%	22	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,603	2,586	38.2%	27.8%	42	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	21	12	15.4	9.1	29	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	120	115	8.8%	8.7%	22	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	737	756	55.4%	57.2%	20	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	142	153	10.4%	11.6%	33	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	104	4.8%	7.8%	27		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	245	252	5.2%	5.6%	41	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	273	271	19.4%	20.9%	41	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	26.0	22.2	17	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	511	298	21.1	12.1	56	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	31	25.8	272.0	19	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	114	637.9	972.3	27	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	49	8	402.3	70.2	33	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	41	242.3	349.7	21	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	5	50.4	67.4	28	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	96	83	15.7%	14.1%	30	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,151	407	4.2%	1.5%	12	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,047	6,312	20.8%	25.5%	36	—	260,970	23.8%

Etowah County

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	1990		2000	
Total county population	99,840		103,459	
County child population	24,517		24,654	
Children as percentage of Etowah County's population	24.6%		23.8%	
The children of Etowah County				
Under age 5	5,973	21.6%	6,611	24.1%
Ages 5-9	6,639	24.0%	6,705	24.5%
Ages 10-14	7,223	26.1%	6,930	25.3%
Ages 15-19	7,823	28.3%	7,143	26.1%
The diversity of Etowah County's children				
White	19,785	80.7%	18,606	75.5%
African American	4,466	18.2%	4,861	19.7%
Hispanic			654	2.7%
Other Races	266	1.1%	201	0.8%
More than one race			332	1.3%

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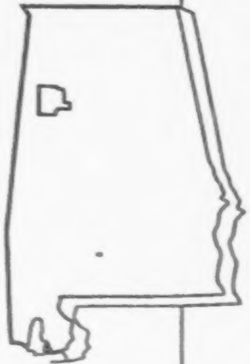
Fayette County



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	1990		2000	
Total county population	17,962		18,495	
County child population	4,560		4,424	
Children as percentage of Fayette County's population	25.4%		23.9%	
The children of Fayette County				
Under age 5	1,099	21.1%	1,113	22.6%
Ages 5-9	1,259	24.2%	1,201	24.4%
Ages 10-14	1,378	26.5%	1,260	25.6%
Ages 15-19	1,461	28.1%	1,350	27.4%
The diversity of Fayette County's children				
White	3,861	84.7%	3,694	83.5%
African American	658	14.4%	633	14.3%
Hispanic			48	1.1%
Other Races	41	0.9%	15	0.3%
More than one race			34	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	9.1	4.6	22	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	18	19	8.2%	8.8%	11	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	122	110	56.5%	50.9%	53	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	23	16	10.5%	7.4%	10	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	26	36	11.6%	14.4%	46		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	57	55	6.9%	7.0%	63	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	57	58	25.6%	24.9%	62	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	60.0	59	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	50	50	11.0	11.3	51	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	19	858.5	913.0	63	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	54	42	2,337.1	1,963.5	66	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	144.2	48	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	6	389.5	280.5	29	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	13	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	10	19.6%	11.6%	10	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	288	179	5.5%	3.6%	38	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,031	1,006	22.8%	[illegible]	20	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	11.0	9.2	27	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	26	27	7.1%	6.2%	31	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	220	236	56.1%	54.1%	42	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	24	32	6.6%	7.3%	5	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	52	12.1%	10.6%	59		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	22	51	1.4%	3.4%	20	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	58	5.5%	13.3%	21	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	55.0	56.0	62	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	53	5.4	6.9	10	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	17	21	538.0	659.3	44	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	57	43	1,702.4	1,318.6	55	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	30.4	0.0	13	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	14	149.3	429.3	38	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	95.3	150.7	66	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	13	9.1%	7.4%	3	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	394	187	5.1%	2.2%	28	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,657	1,767	24.2%	24.5%	30	—	260,970	23.8%

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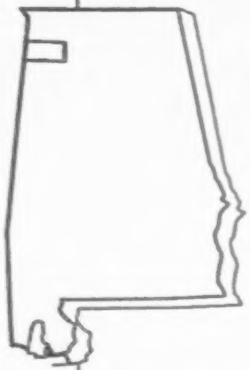

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,814		31,223	
County child population	6,875		7,645	
Children as percentage of Franklin County's population	24.7%		24.5%	
The children of Franklin County				
Under age 5	1,795	23.2%	1,983	23.3%
Ages 5-9	1,881	24.3%	2,180	25.7%
Ages 10-14	2,005	25.9%	2,156	25.4%
Ages 15-19	2,057	26.6%	2,178	25.6%
The diversity of Franklin County's children				
White	6,412	93.3%	6,304	82.5%
African American	401	5.8%	391	5.1%
Hispanic			829	10.8%
Other Races	62	0.9%	39	0.5%
More than one race			82	1.1%

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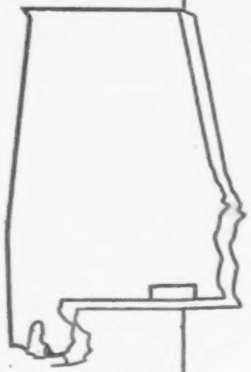
Geneva County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	23,647		25,764	
County child population	5,912		6,183	
Children as percentage of Geneva County's population	25.0%		24.0%	
The children of Geneva County				
Under age 5	1,516	22.8%	1,437	21.1%
Ages 5-9	1,599	24.0%	1,668	24.5%
Ages 10-14	1,675	25.2%	1,928	28.3%
Ages 15-19	1,863	28.0%	1,773	26.1%
The diversity of Geneva County's children				
White	4,853	82.1%	5,028	81.3%
African American	1,005	17.0%	864	14.0%
Hispanic			168	2.7%
Other Races	54	0.9%	70	1.1%
More than one race			53	0.9%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	3	19.2	9.4	38	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	33	24	10.5%	7.5%	6	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	153	188	47.8%	58.9%	33	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	47	30	15.0%	9.4%	30	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	32	11.0%	9.2%	39		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	76	57	6.1%	5.0%	35	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	78	66	21.9%	19.0%	35	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	3	107.6	66.8	64	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	241	93	41.2	15.0	55	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	11	292.0	398.6	30	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	19	42	651.7	1,494.1	54	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	36.2	25	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	15	102.9	533.6	51	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	105.6	166.1	59	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	20	20	13.9%	13.4%	27	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	435	106	6.5%	1.5%	19	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,294	1,737	22.0%	28.5%	46	W	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	21.2	12.1	45	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	22	18	11.6%	10.9%	67	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	82	60	45.3%	36.4%	67	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	38	42	20.1%	25.5%	66	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	30	13	15.4%	8.4%	58		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	13	31	2.0%	6.5%	62	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	15	33	8.0%	24.0%	60	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	66	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	72	48	21.7	16.5	59	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	1	199.3	73.8	18	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	2	0.0	142.8	2	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	1	244.9	71.4	6	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	38	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	16	32.1%	30.2%	64	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	854	128	23.3%	4.0%	55	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,954	1,366	58.3%	44.6%	66	—	260,970	23.8%

Greene County

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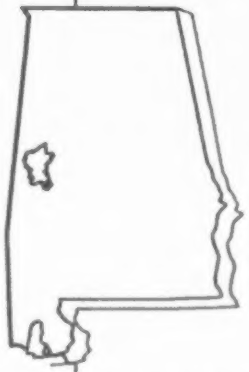

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	10,153		9,974	
County child population	3,397		2,911	
Children as percentage of Greene County's population	33.5%		29.2%	
The children of Greene County				
Under age 5	787	21.5%	770	23.7%
Ages 5-9	989	27.0%	830	25.5%
Ages 10-14	1,001	27.3%	777	23.9%
Ages 15-19	883	24.1%	873	26.9%
The diversity of Greene County's children				
White	353	10.4%	326	11.2%
African American	3,043	89.6%	2,543	87.4%
Hispanic			26	0.9%
Other Races	1	0.0%	11	0.4%
More than one race			5	0.2%

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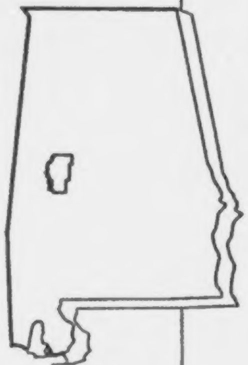
Hale County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	15,498		17,185	
County child population	4,862		5,087	
Children as percentage of Hale County's population	31.4%		29.6%	
The children of Hale County				
Under age 5	1,233	23.0%	1,408	25.1%
Ages 5-9	1,333	24.9%	1,376	24.5%
Ages 10-14	1,466	27.4%	1,453	25.9%
Ages 15-19	1,323	24.7%	1,383	24.6%
The diversity of Hale County's children				
White	1,464	30.1%	1,581	31.1%
African American	3,365	69.2%	3,395	66.7%
Hispanic			43	0.8%
Other Races	33	0.7%	29	0.6%
More than one race			39	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	0	11.7	0.0	3	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	20	30	7.8%	11.2%	58	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	138	132	56.3%	49.1%	66	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	54	37	21.1%	13.8%	55	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	31	10.8%	10.7%	62		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	36	45	3.7%	4.6%	29	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	43	51	14.0%	17.8%	29	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	3	0.0	77.8	46	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	173	21	35.7	4.1	26	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	90.8	0.0	8	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	14	169.2	598.0	16	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	17	465.3	726.2	56	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	293.1	212.6	65	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	13	32.4%	12.0%	55	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	713	167	13.3%	3.0%	44	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,275	1,761	47.0%	34.1%	57	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.1	15.2	55	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	16	13	7.4%	6.6%	38	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	110	130	49.3%	65.7%	8	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	40	21	18.5%	10.6%	32	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	54	54	9.9%	9.0%	54		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	122	121	7.4%	7.7%	56	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	147	143	27.4%	28.1%	57	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	62.3	0.0	2	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	22	17	5.4	4.3	1	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	13	988.2	698.9	59	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	21	1,475.5	1,097.8	64	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	107.5	32	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	8	49.2	418.2	31	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	155.9	85.4	35	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	15	15.4%	18.3%	40	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	201	7.6%	4.6%	53	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	860	1,133	21.2%	28.6%	47	W	260,970	23.8%

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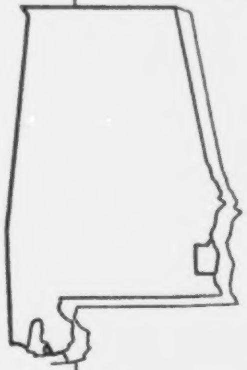

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	15,374		16,310	
County child population	4,132		3,925	
Children as percentage of Henry County's population	26.9%		24.1%	
The children of Henry County				
Under age 5	1,008	21.9%	1,019	23.3%
Ages 5-9	1,083	23.5%	1,065	24.4%
Ages 10-14	1,241	26.9%	1,106	25.3%
Ages 15-19	1,279	27.7%	1,180	27.0%
The diversity of Henry County's children				
White	2,267	54.9%	2,208	56.3%
African American	1,855	44.9%	1,570	40.0%
Hispanic			77	2.0%
Other Races	10	0.2%	16	0.4%
More than one race			54	1.4%

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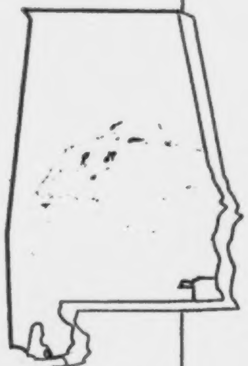
Houston County



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	81,331		88,787	
County child population	22,574		22,986	
Children as percentage of Houston County's population	27.8%		25.9%	
The children of Houston County				
Under age 5	5,985	24.0%	6,037	24.0%
Ages 5-9	6,220	25.0%	6,313	25.1%
Ages 10-14	6,342	25.5%	6,661	26.5%
Ages 15-19	6,367	25.6%	6,140	24.4%
The diversity of Houston County's children				
White	15,501	68.7%	14,879	64.7%
African American	6,920	30.7%	7,181	31.2%
Hispanic			403	1.8%
Other Races	153	0.7%	259	1.1%
More than one race			264	1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	11	5.7	8.6	39	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	80	118	6.5%	9.2%	37	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	679	807	56.7%	63.0%	7	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	136	152	11.0%	11.9%	35	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	138	115	10.6%	9.0%	55		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	215	222	4.9%	5.2%	43	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	248	242	17.9%	19.3%	42	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	7	5.7	40.4	31	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	571	282	25.6	12.3	32	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	64	111	642.3	1,101.3	61	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	152	123	1,467.3	1,199.9	34	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	24	0.0	238.1	58	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	59	63	569.5	614.6	50	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	78.0	127.6	32	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	97	77	18.3%	14.3%	34	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,397	492	5.6%	1.9%	26	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	4,891	5,628	22.0%	24.4%	29	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	4	9.6	6.0	16	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	52	58	8.3%	8.7%	30	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	322	363	50.7%	54.3%	43	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	42	49	6.7%	7.3%	15	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	39	2.6%	5.3%	7		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	173	126	6.3%	5.1%	45	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	193	131	23.0%	18.9%	48	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	41.1	10.7	13	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	199	106	16.3	8.1	44	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	23	0	398.9	0.0	14	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	105	88	1,669.4	1,454.3	57	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	32.5	0.0	1	I	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	28	413.4	462.7	13	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	127.9	109.2	45	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	31	10.1%	10.5%	13	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	469	130	3.4%	0.9%	6	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,302	2,756	18.8%	21.7%	17	—	260,970	23.8%

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	47,796		53,926	
County child population	12,351		13,036	
Children as percentage of Jackson County's population	25.8%		24.2%	
The children of Jackson County				
Under age 5	2,986	21.7%	3,387	23.6%
Ages 5-9	3,299	23.9%	3,644	25.4%
Ages 10-14	3,680	26.7%	3,655	25.4%
Ages 15-19	3,826	27.7%	3,686	25.6%
The diversity of Jackson County's children				
White	11,060	89.5%	11,551	88.6%
African American	653	5.3%	596	4.6%
Hispanic			223	1.7%
Other Races	638	5.2%	302	2.3%
More than one race			364	2.8%

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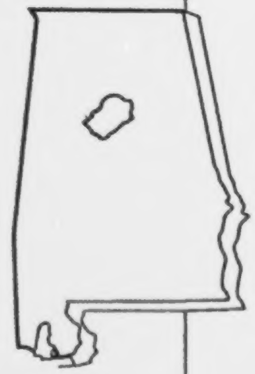
Jefferson County



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	1990		2000	
Total county population	651,525		662,047	
County child population	162,497		164,240	
Children as percentage of Jefferson County's population	24.9%		24.8%	
The children of Jefferson County				
Under age 5	44,919	24.8%	43,281	23.8%
Ages 5-9	45,910	25.3%	45,809	25.1%
Ages 10-14	45,366	25.0%	47,066	25.8%
Ages 15-19	44,936	24.8%	46,075	25.3%
The diversity of Jefferson County's children				
White	89,819	55.3%	79,472	48.4%
African American	71,117	43.8%	78,330	47.7%
Hispanic			2,888	1.8%
Other Races	1,561	1.0%	1,874	1.1%
More than one race			1,676	1.0%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	122	114	11.9	12.1	54	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	941	985	9.2%	10.5%	52	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	5,523	5,865	59.1%	62.4%	5	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	1,224	1131	12.0%	12.0%	40	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	705	594	7.7%	6.7%	26		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	1,850	1,158	5.8%	3.6%	18	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	2,242	1,314	21.0%	13.8%	18	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	42	41	32.4	34.8	30	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,530	1,060	9.5	6.5	23	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	280	360	395.4	547.7	50	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	330	629	441.8	933.2	33	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	149	136	203.5	206.9	62	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	440	920	589.1	1,364.9	65	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	43	41	92.9	97.2	34	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	744	558	18.0%	14.0%	36	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	16,380	7,088	9.0%	3.9%	47	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	35,664	33,805	22.2%	21.5%	16	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	24.4	17.6	66	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	20	13	9.8%	7.6%	39	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	101	98	50.5%	57.6%	21	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	20	5	9.8%	2.9%	3	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	13	7.6%	6.0%	23		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	40	31	4.4%	3.8%	12	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	41	32	16.5%	14.8%	13	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	95.6	70.3	57	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	47	24	11.8	6.4	8	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	24	649.0	1,311.5	20	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	10	399.4	546.4	24	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	79.1	85.5	36	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	2	10.0%	2.9%	2	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	133	90	3.0%	2.1%	17	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	782	1,066	19.7%	27.2%	40	W	260,970	23.8%

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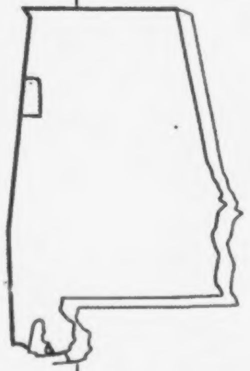

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	15,715		15,904	
County child population	3,987		3,750	
Children as percentage of Lamar County's population	25.4%		23.6%	
The children of Lamar County				
Under age 5	999	22.3%	926	22.1%
Ages 5-9	1,052	23.4%	1,017	24.3%
Ages 10-14	1,191	26.5%	1,101	26.3%
Ages 15-19	1,247	27.8%	1,148	27.4%
The diversity of Lamar County's children				
White	3,373	84.6%	3,086	82.3%
African American	607	15.2%	567	15.1%
Hispanic			62	1.7%
Other Races	7	0.2%	2	0.1%
More than one race			33	0.9%

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Lauderdale County

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	79,661		87,966	
County child population	19,068		20,267	
Children as percentage of Lauderdale County's population	23.9%		23.0%	
The children of Lauderdale County				
Under age 5	5,096	23.4%	5,217	22.7%
Ages 5-9	5,328	24.4%	5,617	24.5%
Ages 10-14	5,318	24.4%	5,910	25.7%
Ages 15-19	6,075	27.8%	6,214	27.1%
The diversity of Lauderdale County's children				
White	16,483	86.4%	17,030	84.0%
African American	2,418	12.7%	2,545	12.6%
Hispanic			303	1.5%
Other Races	167	0.9%	166	0.8%
More than one race			223	1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	7	8.3	6.7	8	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	86	87	7.9%	8.3%	44	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	669	671	62.4%	64.2%	3	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	74	86	6.8%	8.2%	11	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	34	5.5%	3.3%	6		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	199	165	5.0%	4.3%	17	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	229	175	18.5%	16.1%	15	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	19.9	20.8	12	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	275	112	14.6	5.5	37	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	38	86	430.2	1,025.0	55	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	39	126	421.9	1,462.6	48	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	17	11	189.9	131.1	49	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	48	248.8	557.2	30	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	31.8	34.8	26	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	60	44	11.8%	10.2%	9	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	822	230	3.8%	1.0%	7	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,540	3,820	18.7%	19.6%	8	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	**NUMBER**		**RATE**		**RANK**	**TREND**	**STATE**	
	Base Year	*Current Year*	*Base Year*	*Current Year*			*Number*	*Rate*
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	3	6.0	7.0	15	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	34	43	6.8%	10.1%	45	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	266	228	56.4%	53.5%	35	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	52	45	10.4%	10.6%	26	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	35	20	7.1%	4.2%	17		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	73	54	4.4%	3.3%	4	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	79	59	17.0%	11.9%	4	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	44.4	47.5	43	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	273	132	31.9	14.8	62	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	103.2	9	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	36	55	849.8	1,386.1	51	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	48	141.6	1,209.7	54	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	37.6	0.0	47	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	26	20	12.9%	9.9%	16	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	553	184	5.7%	1.8%	16	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,234	1,925	26.1%	22.2%	19	—	260,970	23.8%

Lawrence County

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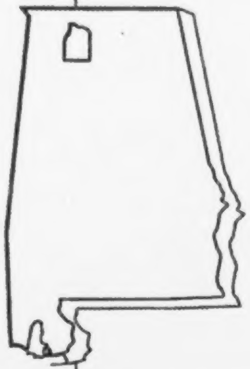

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	31,513		34,803	
County child population	8,618		8,940	
Children as percentage of Lawrence County's population	27.3%		25.7%	
The children of Lawrence County				
Under age 5	2,293	23.7%	2,201	22.3%
Ages 5-9	2,299	23.7%	2,556	25.9%
Ages 10-14	2,479	25.6%	2,628	26.7%
Ages 15-19	2,611	27.0%	2,470	25.1%
The diversity of Lawrence County's children				
White	5,835	67.7%	6,408	71.7%
African American	1,760	20.4%	1,373	15.4%
Hispanic			120	1.3%
Other Races	1,023	11.9%	657	7.3%
More than one race			382	4.3%

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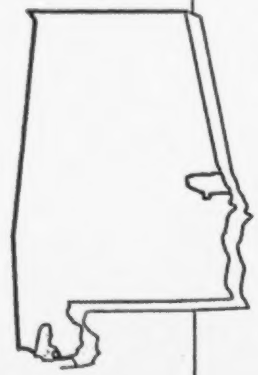
Lee County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	87,146		115,092	
County child population	19,274		26,802	
Children as percentage of Lee County's population	22.1%		23.3%	
The children of Lee County				
Under age 5	5,409	21.0%	7,195	21.0%
Ages 5-9	5,229	20.3%	7,655	22.4%
Ages 10-14	5,289	20.6%	7,603	22.2%
Ages 15-19	9,775	38.0%	11,767	34.4%
The diversity of Lee County's children				
White	12,216	63.4%	17,412	65.0%
African American	6,662	34.6%	8,061	30.1%
Hispanic			488	1.8%
Other Races	396	2.1%	501	1.9%
More than one race			340	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	17	14	13.6	10.0	37	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	102	100	8.1%	7.2%	3	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	866	876	62.6%	62.8%	4	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	165	130	13.2%	9.3%	20	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	81	89	5.6%	6.0%	9		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	259	90	6.1%	1.9%	5	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	337	107	22.5%	7.2%	5	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	11	13.4	65.9	47	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	512	171	27.0	6.4	19	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	48	40	407.4	424.4	52	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	64	134	743.3	1,415.4	47	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	18	93.8	191.0	65	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	40	67	464.5	707.7	55	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	81.6	37.9	1	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	84	68	13.1%	12.5%	18	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,060	488	4.1%	1.4%	21	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,882	4,335	20.5%	19.8%	9	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	5	9.3	6.0	4	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	49	71	6.5%	8.5%	14	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	493	491	59.8%	59.0%	15	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	60	80	8.0%	9.6%	12	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	56	71	6.1%	7.8%	28		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	197	208	7.0%	7.4%	55	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	211	224	25.3%	26.1%	55	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	3	65.6	26.3	42	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	184	134	13.7	8.2	12	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	20	32	327.0	480.6	36	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	21	30	331.5	446.7	6	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	3	48.0	45.1	30	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	20	110.5	297.8	9	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	24.9	70.3	37	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	48	12.4%	14.1%	19	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	360	263	2.4%	1.4%	25	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,055	3,040	15.1%	20.0%	10	—	260,970	23.8%

Limestone County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	54,135		65,676	
County child population	13,654		16,341	
Children as percentage of Limestone County's population	25.2%		24.9%	
The children of Limestone County				
Under age 5	3,691	24.2%	4,349	24.3%
Ages 5-9	3,757	24.7%	4,638	25.9%
Ages 10-14	3,812	25.0%	4,628	25.8%
Ages 15-19	3,963	26.0%	4,311	24.0%
The diversity of Limestone County's children				
White	11,635	85.2%	13,110	80.2%
African American	1,902	13.9%	2,162	13.2%
Hispanic			699	4.3%
Other Races	117	0.9%	154	0.9%
More than one race			216	1.3%

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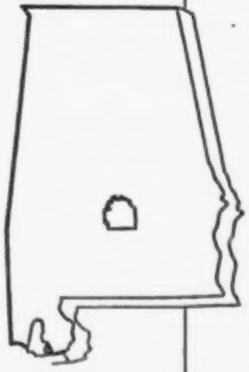
Lowndes County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		*2000*	
Total county population	12,658		13,473	
County child population	4,431		4,068	
Children as percentage of Lowndes County's population	35.0%		30.2%	
The children of Lowndes County				
Under age 5	1,142	23.5%	1,004	22.3%
Ages 5-9	1,218	25.1%	1,047	23.2%
Ages 10-14	1,275	26.3%	1,270	28.2%
Ages 15-19	1,220	25.1%	1,183	26.3%
The diversity of Lowndes County's children				
White	694	15.7%	709	17.4%
African American	3,726	84.1%	3,303	81.2%
Hispanic			33	0.8%
Other Races	11	0.2%	7	0.2%
More than one race			16	0.4%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	16.0	14.1	65	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	39	27	12.5%	12.7%	65	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	96	118	46.2%	55.4%	29	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	71	39	22.8%	18.3%	64	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	38	17.0%	14.9%	66		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	51	42	6.0%	5.6%	52	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	62	54	23.4%	20.5%	53	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	57.9	93.1	65	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	18	8.5	4.4	3	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	0	51.1	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	13	141.3	658.6	12	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	35	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	47	424.0	2,381.0	64	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	78.9	163.8	60	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	19	23.4%	21.8%	63	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,197	273	24.7%	6.0%	59	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,327	1,724	52.8%	39.4%	62	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	6	22.8	19.7	59	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	37	12.3%	12.2%	59	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	185	156	52.6%	51.3%	59	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	90	58	20.5%	19.1%	61	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	12	8.2%	3.4%	19		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	35	47	3.0%	4.8%	14	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	43	57	12.0%	17.7%	14	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	2	77.9	48.6	54	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	45	17	6.8	2.8	34	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	3	25.8	117.6	41	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	12	154.3	453.2	17	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	31.5	196.0	43	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	24	40	740.5	1,510.6	63	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	33.9	5	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	30	27.3%	25.4%	59	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,542	660	18.1%	8.1%	64	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,995	2,293	45.9%	40.4%	64	—	260,970	23.8%

Macon County

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DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	24,928		24,105	
County child population	6,620		6,081	
Children as percentage of Macon County's population	26.6%		25.2%	
The children of Macon County				
Under age 5	1,794	21.0%	1,565	20.8%
Ages 5-9	1,738	20.4%	1,714	22.8%
Ages 10-14	1,820	21.3%	1,801	24.0%
Ages 15-19	3,177	37.2%	2,438	32.4%
The diversity of Macon County's children				
White	649	9.8%	614	10.1%
African American	5,968	90.2%	5,343	87.9%
Hispanic			50	0.8%
Other Races	3	0.0%	22	0.4%
More than one race			52	0.9%

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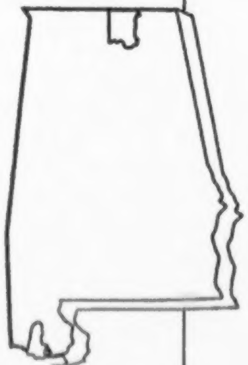
Madison County



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	238,912		276,700	
County child population	58,845		70,787	
Children as percentage of Madison County's population	24.6%		25.6%	
The children of Madison County				
Under age 5	17,462	26.1%	18,800	23.8%
Ages 5-9	16,650	24.9%	20,194	25.5%
Ages 10-14	15,485	23.1%	20,298	25.6%
Ages 15-19	17,320	25.9%	19,846	25.1%
The diversity of Madison County's children				
White	42,391	72.0%	46,566	65.8%
African American	14,750	25.1%	18,455	26.1%
Hispanic			1,786	2.5%
Other Races	1,704	2.9%	2,005	2.8%
More than one race			1,975	2.8%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	36	28	8.9	7.3	10	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	278	309	6.9%	8.1%	13	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	2,523	2,539	64.3%	66.4%	2	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	342	373	8.5%	9.8%	16	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	148	188	3.9%	5.3%	2		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	762	346	6.7%	2.8%	13	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	850	422	23.9%	10.5%	12	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	20	17	43.4	34.5	35	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	451	456	7.7	6.4	15	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	62	252	239.9	962.8	62	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	181	404	707.3	1,510.7	46	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	38	47.8	145.2	57	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	98	150	383.0	560.9	40	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	12	10	67.9	54.1	15	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	186	173	10.8%	11.0%	11	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,989	1,475	4.5%	1.8%	30	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	8,621	11,453	14.8%	17.6%	5	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	6	22.0	18.3	25	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	38	46	9.3%	14.0%	63	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	211	171	58.0%	52.1%	57	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	75	49	18.3%	14.9%	52	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	67	60	15.0%	13.8%	64		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	33	33	2.3%	2.6%	7	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	36	33	9.0%	10.0%	7	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	72.7	20.2	22	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	86	51	12.5	7.9	17	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	3	63.9	98.8	13	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	48	201.3	1,523.8	53	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	3	117.8	98.8	27	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	18	143.8	571.4	53	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	97.1	105.5	21	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	44	18	27.5%	14.0%	32	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,118	303	14.5%	4.3%	58	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,754	2,217	39.6%	32.6%	54	—	260,970	23.8%

Marengo County

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Ranking

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	23,084		22,539	
County child population	7,015		6,422	
Children as percentage of Marengo County's population	30.4%		28.5%	
The children of Marengo County				
Under age 5	1,800	23.3%	1,524	21.7%
Ages 5-9	1,877	24.3%	1,852	26.3%
Ages 10-14	2,035	26.4%	1,902	27.0%
Ages 15-19	2,006	26.0%	1,756	25.0%
The diversity of Marengo County's children				
White	2,829	40.3%	2,391	37.2%
African American	4,178	59.6%	3,898	60.7%
Hispanic			74	1.2%
Other Races	8	0.1%	28	0.4%
More than one race			31	0.5%

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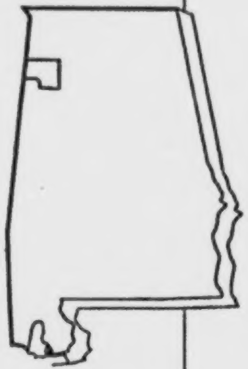
Marion County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	29,830		31,214	
County child population	7,364		7,038	
Children as percentage of Marion County's population	24.7%		22.5%	
The Children of Marion County				
Under age 5	1,887	22.8%	1,876	23.9%
Ages 5-9	1,990	24.0%	1,903	24.3%
Ages 10-14	2,059	24.9%	2,060	26.3%
Ages 15-19	2,347	28.3%	2,004	25.6%
The diversity of Marion County's children				
White	7,044	95.7%	6,560	93.2%
African American	252	3.4%	245	3.5%
Hispanic			128	1.8%
Other Races	68	0.9%	38	0.5%
More than one race			67	1.0%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	5	12.6	13.1	63	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	29	27	7.3%	7.0%	1	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	204	212	55.4%	55.4%	14	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	33	30	8.3%	7.8%	7	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	29	2.1%	7.0%	12		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	60	65	3.9%	4.6%	33	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	68	72	14.8%	17.1%	33	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	4	35.0	75.8	55	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	69	26.5	9.8	54	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	25	88.9	769.9	47	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	68	471.3	2,012.4	61	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	23	110.9	680.7	26	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	126.1	92.9	29	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	11	13.3%	6.1%	5	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	321	92	3.9%	1.2%	5	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,535	1,652	21.0%	22.5%	21	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	12	10.9	9.5	28	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	74	90	8.0%	7.1%	18	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	594	708	54.7%	56.1%	45	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	61	120	6.6%	9.5%	14	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	38	3.2%	3.8%	4		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	225	197	7.7%	6.4%	60	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	258	221	27.0%	23.7%	63	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	5	29.5	35.2	48	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	289	383	16.7	18.7	64	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	83	200.9	971.2	53	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	35	80	419.6	916.9	18	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	5	36.5	58.5	21	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	44	44	527.5	504.3	33	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	147.8	73.1	52	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	63	69	12.5%	12.5%	21	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	908	392	4.6%	1.7%	20	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,508	4,410	20.2%	23.0%	22	—	260,970	23.8%

Marshall County

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Ranking

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	70,832		82,231	
County child population	17,529		20,437	
Children as percentage of Marshall County's population	24.7%		24.9%	
The children of Marshall County				
Under age 5	4,583	23.4%	5,503	24.4%
Ages 5-9	4,771	24.4%	5,868	26.0%
Ages 10-14	4,884	24.9%	5,599	24.8%
Ages 15-19	5,339	27.3%	5,566	24.7%
The diversity of Marshall County's children				
White	17,086	97.5%	17,846	87.3%
African American	309	1.8%	411	2.0%
Hispanic			1,761	8.6%
Other Races	134	0.8%	185	0.9%
More than one race			234	1.1%

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Ranking

Mobile County

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	378,643		399,843	
County child population	107,799		109,881	
Children as percentage of Mobile County's population	28.5%		27.5%	
The children of Mobile County				
Under age 5	29,633	24.7%	29,334	24.1%
Ages 5-9	30,316	25.3%	31,175	25.6%
Ages 10-14	30,384	25.3%	30,929	25.4%
Ages 15-19	29,676	24.7%	30,504	25.0%
The diversity of Mobile County's children				
White	63,989	59.4%	59,231	53.9%
African American	41,827	38.8%	45,035	41.0%
Hispanic			1,525	1.4%
Other Races	1,983	1.8%	2,649	2.4%
More than one race			1,441	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	78	65	12.1	10.5	58	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	575	658	8.9%	10.6%	54	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	3,516	3,426	53.0%	55.1%	44	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	837	828	13.0%	13.3%	44	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	927	684	15.4%	11.5%	63		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	1,571	772	8.8%	4.3%	26	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	1,837	924	29.0%	15.9%	24	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	35	39	40.9	47.3	40	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,773	1,035	16.6	9.4	45	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	155	267	327.8	573.9	46	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	312	611	635.7	1,286.7	49	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	346	150	712.2	322.4	66	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	272	441	554.2	928.7	58	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	24	27	79.3	92.4	24	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	613	435	22.7%	17.5%	49	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	13,515	4,706	11.3%	3.9%	50	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	32,431	31,547	30.5%	28.8%	48	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.0	2.7	11	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	42	38	11.1%	10.2%	49	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	215	216	54.7%	58.2%	41	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	62	57	16.4%	15.4%	48	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	33	11.0%	8.9%	44		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	104	69	6.8%	5.2%	32	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	120	78	24.3%	19.2%	34	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	17.5	19.3	8	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	116	58	15.8	8.4	11	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	11	444.0	344.9	28	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	21	85.2	641.4	23	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	2	199.8	62.7	26	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	9	85.2	274.9	5	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	96.7	40	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	20	23.8%	19.2%	50	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	690	222	8.4%	2.9%	42	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,151	2,153	29.4%	30.5%	52	—	260,970	23.8%

Monroe County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	23,968		24,324	
County child population	7,382		6,883	
Children as percentage of Monroe County's population	30.8%		28.3%	
The children of Monroe County				
Under age 5	1,869	22.8%	1,827	24.1%
Ages 5-9	2,023	24.7%	1,921	25.3%
Ages 10-14	2,111	25.8%	1,905	25.1%
Ages 15-19	2,194	26.8%	1,942	25.6%
The diversity of Monroe County's children				
White	3,725	50.5%	3,397	49.4%
African American	3,539	47.9%	3,252	47.2%
Hispanic			62	0.9%
Other Races	118	1.6%	97	1.4%
More than one race			75	1.1%

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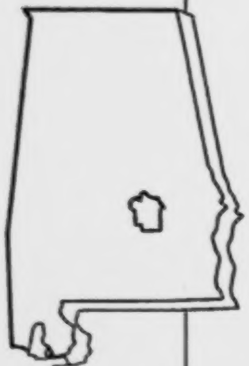
Montgomery County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	209,085		223,510	
County child population	57,655		57,646	
Children as percentage of Montgomery County's population	27.6%		25.8%	
The children of Montgomery County				
Under age 5	16,119	24.8%	15,472	23.7%
Ages 5-9	16,150	24.8%	16,315	25.0%
Ages 10-14	15,564	23.9%	16,298	24.9%
Ages 15-19	17,221	26.5%	17,257	26.4%
The diversity of Montgomery County's children				
White	26,746	46.4%	21,855	37.9%
African American	30,053	52.1%	33,528	58.2%
Hispanic			793	1.4%
Other Races	856	1.5%	753	1.3%
More than one race			717	1.2%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	58	37	15.1	10.6	62	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	333	382	8.6%	11.0%	48	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	2,051	2,105	58.4%	60.4%	9	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	565	516	14.7%	14.8%	50	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	95	230	3.0%	7.7%	22		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	464	207	5.2%	2.5%	16	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	564	223	20.3%	9.6%	17	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	23	20	51.0	47.5	33	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	648	233	11.4	4.0	2	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	98	72	383.5	305.1	43	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	78	280	305.0	1,150.7	36	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	85	98	335.4	415.3	67	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	138	223	539.5	916.5	52	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	7	15	40.2	88.3	31	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	307	253	19.9%	17.4%	51	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	7,430	3,150	11.4%	4.8%	57	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	14,519	14,853	25.5%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	18	15	11.7	9.5	44	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	115	155	7.5%	9.9%	24	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	817	865	56.0%	55.1%	31	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	118	138	7.7%	8.8%	21	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	134	59	8.2%	3.8%	16		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	337	304	6.0%	5.7%	59	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	366	327	22.0%	21.1%	59	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	5	39.2	24.3	24	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	392	227	15.2	8.1	39	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	124	51.9	1,043.8	56	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	151	649.4	1,245.2	39	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	15	33.4	126.3	53	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	45	213.7	371.1	19	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	9	41.2	126.4	54	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	86	83	13.5%	12.8%	26	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,030	389	3.6%	1.3%	8	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,761	4,621	14.6%	16.9%	3	—	260,970	23.8%

Morgan County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	100,043		111,064	
County child population	25,947		28,144	
Children as percentage of Morgan County's population	25.9%		25.3%	
The children of Morgan County				
Under age 5	6,911	24.0%	7,317	23.7%
Ages 5-9	7,291	25.3%	7,992	25.8%
Ages 10-14	7,460	25.9%	8,119	26.3%
Ages 15-19	7,144	24.8%	7,499	24.2%
The diversity of Morgan County's children				
White	22,176	85.5%	21,942	78.0%
African American	3,502	13.5%	4,072	14.5%
Hispanic			1,286	4.6%
Other Races	269	1.0%	385	1.4%
More than one race			459	1.6%

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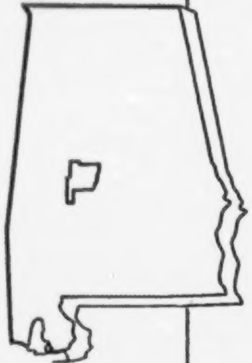
Perry County



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	12,759		11,861	
County child population	4,062		3,537	
Children as percentage of Perry County's population	31.8%		29.8%	
The children of Perry County				
Under age 5	976	20.8%	903	22.4%
Ages 5-9	1,073	22.8%	982	24.3%
Ages 10-14	1,190	25.3%	988	24.5%
Ages 15-19	1,458	31.0%	1,165	28.9%
The diversity of Perry County's children				
White	784	19.3%	673	19.0%
African American	3,247	79.9%	2,814	79.6%
Hispanic			30	0.8%
Other Races	31	0.8%	2	0.1%
More than one race			18	0.5%

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	13.4	5.4	30	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	14	19	6.3%	10.3%	46	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	116	87	50.2%	47.3%	60	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	50	45	22.3%	24.5%	65	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	10	20	5.1%	10.1%	43		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	41	22	5.9%	3.5%	54	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	52	27	20.5%	13.8%	54	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	31.8	0.0	15	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	26	14.2	7.4	43	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	1	144.5	55.6	7	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	1	147.5	54.1	1	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	50.2	111.2	37	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	4	245.9	216.2	10	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	66.8	72.6	2	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	26	30.5%	34.2%	66	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,127	313	24.0%	7.5%	63	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,197	1,746	54.6%	45.2%	67	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.9	3.5	2	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	28	26	8.3%	9.0%	47	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	162	170	57.9%	59.0%	11	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	60	51	17.8%	17.7%	60	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION%								
First grade retention	33	24	10.2%	8.4%	48		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	21	35	2.0%	3.1%	2	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	36	7.7%	12.0%	2	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY%								
Child death rate	1	1	21.2	22.9	25	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	129	31	22.1	5.4	48	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	4	75.8	155.1	27	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	21	34.8	795.2	29	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	35.5	116.3	39	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	19	0.0	719.4	45	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	121.4	66.1	9	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	26	25.8%	19.1%	58	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	808	256	12.4%	4.1%	56	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,311	1,921	39.1%	32.9%	56	—	260,970	23.8%

Pickens County

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Ranking

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	20,699		20,949	
County child population	5,936		5,711	
Children as percentage of Pickens County's population	28.7%		27.3%	
The children of Pickens County				
Under age 5	1,463	22.5%	1,421	22.5%
Ages 5-9	1,678	25.8%	1,563	24.8%
Ages 10-14	1,764	27.1%	1,660	26.3%
Ages 15-19	1,594	24.5%	1,668	26.4%
The diversity of Pickens County's children				
White	2,668	44.9%	2,547	44.6%
African American	3,253	54.8%	3,044	53.3%
Hispanic			52	0.9%
Other Races	15	0.3%	19	0.3%
More than one race			49	0.9%

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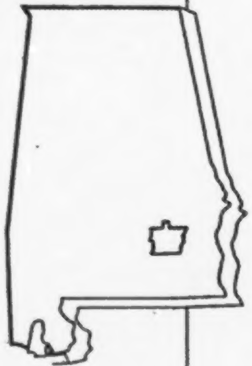
Pike County



DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,595		29,605	
County child population	6,934		7,211	
Children as percentage of Pike County's population	25.1%		24.4%	
The children of Pike County				
Under age 5	1,843	21.5%	1,923	22.3%
Ages 5-9	1,873	21.8%	1,936	22.4%
Ages 10-14	1,888	22.0%	2,090	24.2%
Ages 15-19	2,977	34.7%	2,681	31.1%
The diversity of Pike County's children				
White	3,648	52.6%	3,588	49.8%
African American	3,250	46.9%	3,307	45.9%
Hispanic			114	1.6%
Other Races	36	0.5%	68	0.9%
More than one race			134	1.9%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	4	16.4	9.9	48	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	30	8.5%	7.4%	43	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	241	234	52.9%	57.9%	16	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	75	71	17.6%	17.6%	56	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	35	9.2%	9.0%	49		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	61	66	4.4%	5.5%	50	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	73	76	16.5%	19.4%	44	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	37.5	58.7	37	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	231	54	33.9	7.5	18	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	13	208.9	421.3	32	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	11	27	335.2	843.8	26	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	6	62.2	194.4	47	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	49	274.2	1,531.3	61	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	66.4	34.3	11	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	42	44	21.2%	22.7%	61	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	862	352	10.0%	3.9%	49	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,097	2,439	30.6%	34.4%	59	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	4	21.4	12.8	53	I •	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	37	9.6%	11.9%	40	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	164	168	54.5%	53.8%	27	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	37	42	13.2%	13.5%	37	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	55	4.7%	18.6%	61		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	64	67	6.1%	6.4%	34	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	68	70	23.0%	22.6%	31	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	24.7	26.7	32	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	111	51	21.6	9.1	35	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	15	42.3	655.6	40	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	20	318.0	865.4	42	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	19	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	0	318.0	0.0	35	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	63.7	0.0	10	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	28	23.1%	22.8%	46	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	342	198	5.9%	3.2%	43	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,209	1,416	23.3%	27.9%	43	—	260,970	23.8%

Randolph County

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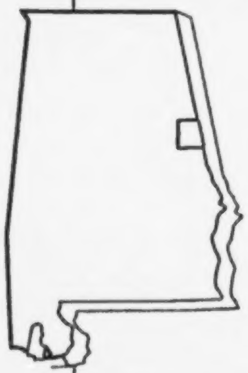
Ranking



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	19,881		22,380	
County child population	5,192		5,620	
Children as percentage of Randolph County's population	26.1%		25.1%	
The children of Randolph County				
Under age 5	1,272	22.1%	1,480	23.5%
Ages 5-9	1,479	25.7%	1,627	25.9%
Ages 10-14	1,468	25.5%	1,568	24.9%
Ages 15-19	1,544	26.8%	1,616	25.7%
The diversity of Randolph County's children				
White	3,529	68.0%	3,880	69.0%
African American	1,663	32.0%	1,560	27.8%
Hispanic			103	1.8%
Other Races	0	0.0%	35	0.6%
More than one race			42	0.7%

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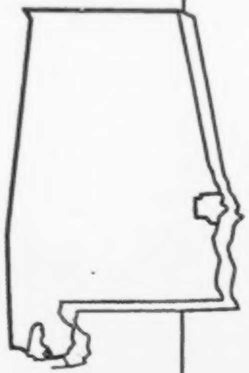
Russell County



Demographics	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	46,860		49,756	
County child population	12,504		13,194	
Children as percentage of Russell County's population	26.7%		26.5%	
The children of Russell County				
Under age 5	3,536	25.3%	3,515	24.2%
Ages 5-9	3,408	24.4%	3,777	26.0%
Ages 10-14	3,381	24.2%	3,691	25.4%
Ages 15-19	3,625	26.0%	3,531	24.3%
The diversity of Russell County's children				
White	6,782	54.2%	6,360	48.2%
African American	5,657	45.2%	6,260	47.4%
Hispanic			254	1.9%
Other Races	65	0.5%	113	0.9%
More than one race			207	1.6%

INDICATOR	**Number**		**Rate**		**Rank**	**Trend**	**State**	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	8	7.9	10.7	43	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	77	7.1%	10.3%	33	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	373	437	51.4%	58.5%	39	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	87	97	11.5%	13.0%	41	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	55	44	6.8%	5.7%	20		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	194	135	8.5%	5.8%	66	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	233	177	29.1%	20.9%	65	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	2	50.8	21.3	34	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	357	190	28.8	14.4	63	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	32	594.5	598.8	42	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	94	308.4	1,701.7	58	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	11	140.7	205.8	60	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	43	394.0	778.4	44	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	134.0	28.2	7	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	49	19.1%	16.4%	43	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,190	590	8.5%	4.0%	54	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,509	3,609	28.2%	28.0%	44	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	11	7.9	13.0	32	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	55	47	7.3%	5.6%	2	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	425	485	54.7%	57.3%	28	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	66	67	8.7%	7.9%	9	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	70	7.2%	8.2%	34		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	209	159	8.1%	5.5%	42	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	225	190	28.7%	20.3%	43	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	9	9.7	73.1	38	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	151	186	11.5	11.3	49	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	15	33.7	206.7	25	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	337	65.6	4,676.0	65	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	27.6	20	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	29	82.1	402.4	16	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	5	26.4	111.5	39	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	35	12.5%	9.9%	7	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	639	302	4.3%	1.7%	15	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,297	3,245	17.4%	20.2%	12	—	260,970	23.8%

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DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	50,009		64,742	
County child population	13,331		16,417	
Children as percentage of St. Clair County's population	26.7%		25.4%	
The children of St. Clair County				
Under age 5	3,602	24.4%	4,252	23.7%
Ages 5-9	3,611	24.4%	4,558	25.4%
Ages 10-14	3,769	25.5%	4,855	27.1%
Ages 15-19	3,791	25.7%	4,265	23.8%
The diversity of St. Clair County's children				
White	11,973	89.8%	14,579	88.8%
African American	1,287	9.7%	1,348	8.2%
Hispanic			220	1.3%
Other Races	71	0.5%	109	0.7%
More than one race			161	1.0%

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Shelby County

DEMOGRAPHICS

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	99,358		143,293	
County child population	27,321		37,620	
Children as percentage of Shelby County's population	27.5%		26.3%	
The children of Shelby County				
Under age 5	7,978	26.5%	10,718	26.1%
Ages 5-9	7,890	26.2%	10,616	25.9%
Ages 10-14	7,267	24.1%	10,398	25.3%
Ages 15-19	6,964	23.1%	9,332	22.7%
The diversity of Shelby County's children				
White	24,397	89.3%	32,677	86.9%
African American	2,575	9.4%	3,170	8.4%
Hispanic			888	2.4%
Other Races	349	1.3%	542	1.4%
More than one race			343	0.9%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	16	5.5	7.1	23	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	95	152	5.8%	6.8%	7	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	1,126	1,572	65.2%	70.0%	1	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	82	90	5.0%	4.0%	1	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	63	4.1%	3.9%	1		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	227	207	4.9%	3.8%	15	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	257	252	18.3%	15.2%	16	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	5	28.3	16.7	21	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	280	194	10.4	5.2	6	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	12	0.0	77.7	16	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	39	439.7	256.7	22	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	1	27.0	6.5	14	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	47	201.5	309.4	17	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	10	58.0	107.6	18	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	43	6.0%	4.4%	1	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	624	197	2.1%	0.5%	1	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,839	3,683	10.5%	9.8%	1	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	4	0.0	18.4	56	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	29	26	10.5%	12.0%	50	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	112	98	48.9%	45.2%	64	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	65	39	23.6%	18.0%	57	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	4	15	1.7%	5.7%	11		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	46	43	5.1%	5.3%	19	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	53	50	19.3%	20.2%	19	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	3	25.4	86.4	56	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	43	11.3	10.0	21	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	46.4	21	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	4	0.0	180.3	4	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	41.1	185.6	29	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	10	0.0	450.9	37	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	56.6	123.6	58	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	16	28.1%	20.0%	56	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,322	497	22.7%	9.8%	65	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,443	1,906	49.8%	40.1%	63	—	260,970	23.8%

Sumter County

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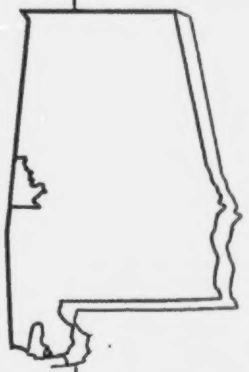

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	16,174		14,798	
County child population	4,936		4,305	
Children as percentage of Sumter County's population	30.5%		29.1%	
The children of Sumter County				
Under age 5	1,228	21.1%	1,066	22.1%
Ages 5-9	1,332	22.9%	1,233	25.5%
Ages 10-14	1,505	25.9%	1,248	25.8%
Ages 15-19	1,751	30.1%	1,281	26.5%
The diversity of Sumter County's children				
White	865	17.5%	661	15.4%
African American	4,065	82.4%	3,537	82.2%
Hispanic			72	1.7%
Other Races	6	0.1%	9	0.2%
More than one race			26	0.6%

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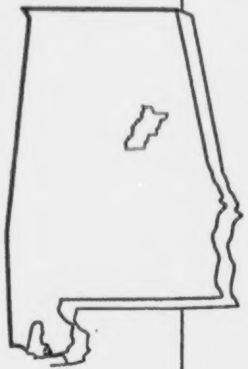
Talladega County



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	1990		2000	
Total county population	74,107		80,321	
County child population	20,571		20,066	
Children as percentage of Talladega County's population	27.8%		25.0%	
The children of Talladega County				
Under age 5	5,093	22.0%	5,091	22.8%
Ages 5-9	5,513	23.8%	5,524	24.7%
Ages 10-14	6,043	26.1%	5,852	26.2%
Ages 15-19	6,535	28.2%	5,853	26.2%
The diversity of Talladega County's children				
White	12,521	60.9%	12,061	60.1%
African American	7,956	38.7%	7,540	37.6%
Hispanic			179	0.9%
Other Races	94	0.5%	92	0.5%
More than one race			194	1.0%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	11	16	9.4	13.9	46	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	120	137	10.2%	11.9%	57	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	521	585	50.8%	50.8%	58	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	199	168	17.0%	14.6%	51	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	42	60	3.6%	5.5%	14		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	237	196	6.0%	5.3%	24	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	265	229	21.3%	19.2%	23	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	5	18.7	32.9	4	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	374	242	18.4	12.1	50	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	52	26	536.3	273.2	33	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	53	73	518.5	760.1	19	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	3	59.7	31.5	15	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	51	205.5	531.0	32	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	4	30.2	63.7	46	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	101	88	20.9%	16.6%	47	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,137	819	9.2%	3.6%	46	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,323	5,582	26.7%	27.6%	41	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	5	4.9	9.1	51	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	45	57	7.4%	10.4%	51	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	311	325	54.5%	59.4%	17	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	94	79	15.4%	14.4%	46	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	41	7.2%	6.4%	25		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	154	92	7.4%	4.9%	31	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	178	109	26.9%	18.6%	32	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	13.0	13.8	6	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	145	65	14.8	6.5	13	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	58	215.2	1,251.3	64	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	62	99.7	1,298.2	50	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	5	182.5	107.9	64	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	46	39.9	963.1	60	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	157.5	33.2	14	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	40	21.2%	17.3%	42	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	758	236	6.8%	2.1%	34	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,954	2,587	19.8%	26.0%	37	—	260,970	23.8%

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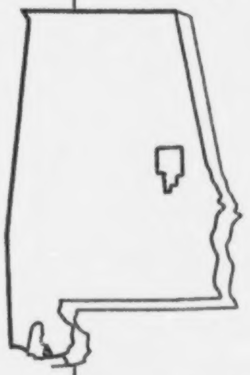

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	38,826		41,475	
County child population	10,016		10,037	
Children as percentage of Tallapoosa County's population	25.8%		24.2%	
The children of Tallapoosa County				
Under age 5	2,493	22.4%	2,562	23.2%
Ages 5-9	2,582	23.2%	2,859	25.9%
Ages 10-14	2,931	26.3%	2,892	26.2%
Ages 15-19	3,139	28.2%	2,708	24.6%
The diversity of Tallapoosa County's children				
White	6,473	64.6%	6,496	64.7%
African American	3,489	34.8%	3,316	33.0%
Hispanic			84	0.8%
Other Races	54	0.5%	56	0.6%
More than one race			85	0.8%

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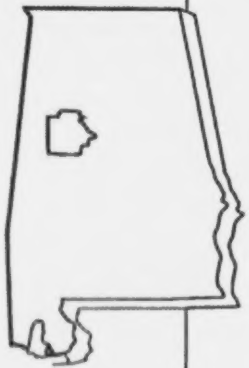
Tuscaloosa County



DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	150,522		164,875	
County child population	35,963		38,543	
Children as percentage of Tuscaloosa County's population	23.9%		23.4%	
The children of Tuscaloosa County				
Under age 5	9,647	22.0%	10,592	22.7%
Ages 5-9	9,766	22.2%	10,853	23.2%
Ages 10-14	10,139	23.1%	10,690	22.9%
Ages 15-19	14,387	32.7%	14,558	31.2%
The diversity of Tuscaloosa County's children				
White	22,920	63.7%	22,745	59.0%
African American	12,633	35.1%	14,332	37.2%
Hispanic			631	1.6%
Other Races	410	1.1%	394	1.0%
More than one race			441	1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	*Current Year*	*Base Year*	*Current Year*			*Number*	*Rate*
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	33	23	15.5	10.0	42	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	193	256	9.0%	11.1%	55	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	1,254	1,276	61.3%	55.6%	40	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	285	297	13.3%	12.9%	39	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	88	198	4.0%	8.7%	31		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	503	306	7.2%	4.5%	25	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	563	345	26.1%	17.0%	25	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	11	7	39.4	24.9	27	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	502	385	14.2	10.0	46	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	107	52.2	654.4	51	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	195	377.8	1,167.5	37	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	51	12.2	311.9	63	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	50	87	304.7	520.9	36	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	6	20.7	42.0	12	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	158	131	15.9%	13.0%	25	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,543	1,034	8.1%	2.2%	32	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	8,568	9,051	24.1%	24.2%	27	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	6	13.2	6.6	34	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	74	79	8.2%	8.7%	20	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	473	479	53.2%	52.7%	50	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	91	91	10.0%	10.0%	24	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	69	6.1%	7.7%	36		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	258	47	7.4%	1.6%	10	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	280	51	25.9%	6.4%	10	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	9	3	66.8	23.1	29	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	324	166	19.2	10.0	47	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	13	198.8	159.6	26	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	44	103	512.9	1,239.8	38	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	1	59.2	12.3	24	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	12	104.9	144.4	2	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	9	74.0	176.8	53	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	51	13.1%	12.6%	24	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,171	262	6.1%	1.4%	11	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,873	3,710	22.8%	21.2%	14	—	260,970	23.8%

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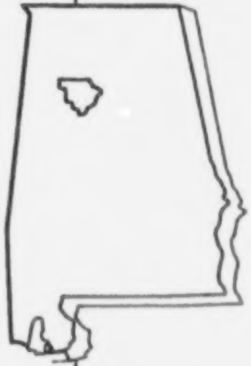

DEMOGRAPHICS	*1990*		*2000*	
Total county population	67,670		70,713	
County child population	17,184		16,636	
Children as percentage of Walker County's population	25.4%		23.5%	
The children of Walker County				
Under age 5	4,220	21.9%	4,520	24.4%
Ages 5-9	4,569	23.7%	4,556	24.6%
Ages 10-14	5,151	26.7%	4,711	25.5%
Ages 15-19	5,320	27.6%	4,706	25.4%
The diversity of Walker County's children				
White	15,557	90.5%	14,838	89.2%
African American	1,578	9.2%	1,310	7.9%
Hispanic			197	1.2%
Other Races	49	0.3%	98	0.6%
More than one race			193	1.2%

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Washington County

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	16,694		18,097	
County child population	5,101		5,189	
Children as percentage of Washington County's population	30.6%		28.7%	
The children of Washington County				
Under age 5	1,229	21.9%	1,308	22.8%
Ages 5-9	1,483	26.5%	1,499	26.1%
Ages 10-14	1,469	26.2%	1,478	25.8%
Ages 15-19	1,424	25.4%	1,451	25.3%
The diversity of Washington County's children				
White	2,936	57.6%	2,974	57.3%
African American	1,761	34.5%	1,628	31.4%
Hispanic			54	1.0%
Other Races	404	7.9%	465	9.0%
More than one race			68	1.3%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	16.2	8.6	40	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	22	9.3%	9.4%	27	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	141	137	49.0%	58.8%	32	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	30	12.1%	12.9%	27	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	20	10.3%	6.8%	45		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	31	16	2.7%	1.5%	1	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	36	18	10.3%	6.0%	1	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	20	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	52	32	10.4	6.2	29	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	88.5	17	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	18	243.4	776.5	13	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	177.1	31	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	15	162.3	647.1	42	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	137.3	215.2	61	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	14	17.6%	14.1%	28	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	609	221	10.9%	3.8%	51	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,483	1,290	29.2%	25.4%	35	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	2	7.7	9.0	5	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	29	29	11.1%	13.1%	56	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	114	107	49.4%	48.2%	63	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	49	50	18.8%	22.5%	67	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	19	23	8.3%	10.4%	52		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	57	31	6.7%	4.0%	11	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	62	32	23.2%	14.9%	11	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	27.6	30.9	67	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	58	46	12.7	11.4	38	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	93.5	0.0	6	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	9	127.0	412.7	25	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	93.9	50	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	13	423.3	596.1	67	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	75.4	161.7	30	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	22	26.9%	24.2%	65	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,337	493	26.6%	11.2%	66	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,629	1,968	57.5%	44.0%	65	—	260,970	23.8%

Wilcox County

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DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	13,568		13,183	
County child population	4,573		4,041	
Children as percentage of Wilcox County's population	33.7%		30.7%	
The children of Wilcox County				
Under age 5	1,075	21.4%	1,067	23.9%
Ages 5-9	1,236	24.5%	1,100	24.6%
Ages 10-14	1,430	28.4%	1,136	25.4%
Ages 15-19	1,294	25.7%	1,165	26.1%
The diversity of Wilcox County's children				
White	883	19.3%	723	17.9%
African American	3,688	80.6%	3,268	80.9%
Hispanic			40	1.0%
Other Races	2	0.0%	4	0.1%
More than one race			6	0.1%

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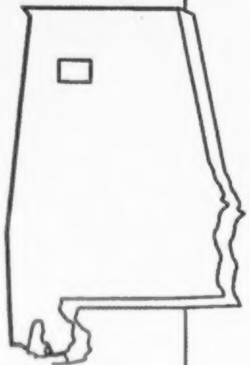

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990		2000	
Total county population	22,053		24,843	
County child population	5,415		5,888	
Children as percentage of Winston County's population	24.6%		23.7%	
The children of Winston County				
Under age 5	1,414	23.2%	1,545	23.7%
Ages 5-9	1,442	23.7%	1,650	25.4%
Ages 10-14	1,556	25.5%	1,684	25.9%
Ages 15-19	1,683	27.6%	1,628	25.0%
The diversity of Winston County's children				
White	5,385	99.4%	5,652	96.0%
African American	17	0.3%	28	0.5%
Hispanic			118	2.0%
Other Races	13	0.2%	44	0.7%
More than one race			46	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	3	13.6	10.6	24	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	23	7.8%	8.1%	8	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	142	166	52.6%	58.5%	25	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	16	12	5.4%	4.2%	6	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	28	1.7%	8.0%	5		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	52	81	3.9%	6.2%	47	W	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	56	86	14.7%	23.2%	49	W	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	46.7	53	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	27	15.1	4.6	28	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	22	184.2	834.6	21	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	7	110.5	265.6	8	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	174.4	181.1	64	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	9	5.5%	7.5%	6	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	153	80	2.5%	1.2%	14	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,271	1,356	23.6%	23.5%	25	—	260,970	23.8%

COUNTY RANKINGS & DATA

OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS

☐ The 17 best counties

☐ The 17 worst counties

The overall rank for each county was obtained using the following procedure:

- First, we converted the numerical values for all thirteen indicators into standard scores. Standard scores are derived by subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index, was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).
- Next, we summed the standard scores to create a total standard score for each county.
- Finally, we ranked the counties on the basis of their total standard score from lowest/best (1) to highest/worst (67).

All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall standard score; no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each indicator. The 13 indicators that are included in the ranking index are: births to unmarried teens; child death rate; children in poverty; children receiving AFDC/TANF; children with indication of abuse or neglect; children's health index; infant mortality rate; juvenile violent crime arrest rate; juvenile violent crime court referral rate; low weight births; preventable teen death rate; projected dropout rate; and the vulnerable families index.

OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS

RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE
1	Shelby	-11.05
2	Cullman	-8.89
3	Clay	-7.55
4	Jackson	-6.26
5	Walker	-6.23
6	Blount	-6.04
7	Cleburne	-5.98
8	Saint Clair	-5.79
9	DeKalb	-5.67
10	Limestone	-5.41
11	Autauga	-5.17
12	Lauderdale	-5.12
13	Madison	-4.70
14	Coffee	-4.49
15	Baldwin	-4.26
16	Marion	-4.20
17	Winston	-4.04
18	Lee	-3.69
19	Franklin	-3.62
20	Chilton	-3.35
21	Fayette	-3.15
22	Elmore	-3.09
23	Lamar	-2.86
24	Lawrence	-2.66
25	Washington	-2.52
26	Etowah	-2.26
27	Morgan	-2.16
28	Colbert	-2.08
29	Monroe	-1.93
30	Choctaw	-1.59
31	Calhoun	-1.43
32	Randolph	-1.32
33	Chambers	-0.72
34	Crenshaw	-0.50
35	Talladega	-0.37
36	Tuscaloosa	-0.35
37	Marengo	-0.22
38	Marshall	-0.21
39	Henry	0.00
40	Pickens	0.31
41	Clarke	0.83
42	Geneva	0.87
43	Bibb	0.98
44	Dale	1.04
45	Covington	1.17
46	Houston	1.26
47	Hale	1.83
48	Butler	2.28
49	Tallapoosa	2.33
50	Cherokee	2.73
51	Escambia	2.79
52	Barbour	3.99
53	Jefferson	4.17
54	Russell	4.66
55	Bullock	4.87
56	Mobile	5.03
57	Perry	5.55
58	Pike	5.65
59	Sumter	5.98
60	Montgomery	6.44
61	Coosa	6.69
62	Macon	8.12
63	Greene	8.62
64	Conecuh	10.79
65	Dallas	11.45
66	Wilcox	15.01
67	Lowndes	15.47

COUNTY DATA

Abbreviations: IM–Infant mortality, LWB–Low weight birth, CHI–Child health index, BUT–Births to unmarried teens, FGRR–First grade retention rate, EDO–Event dropout rate, PDO–Projected dropout rate, CDR–Child death rate, CIAN–Children with indication of abuse or neglect, JSAA–Juvenile substance abuse arrest, JSAC–Juvenile substance abuse court referral, JVCA–Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, JVCC–Juvenile violent crime court referral, PTD–Preventable teen death, VF–Vulnerable families, TANF/AFDC–Children receiving TANF, POV–Children in poverty.

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM	LWB	CHI	BUT	FGRR	EDO	PDO	CDR	CIAN	JSAA	JSAC	JVCA	JVCC	PTD	VF	TANF/AFDC	POV
Autauga	5.1	6.3	62.4	8.9	9.9	4.5	16.5	11.0	4.6	1,713.9	652.1	204.9	409.9	0.0	14.8	2.0	17.4
Baldwin	11.1	7.6	57.9	10.4	7.6	4.7	18.1	43.3	6.6	1,504.7	1,456.1	140.4	347.3	87.2	13.6	0.7	16.7
Barbour	2.8	11.6	55.8	17.8	8.6	3.4	12.0	0.0	7.7	1,335.5	1,106.0	0.0	307.2	50.0	22.1	3.7	32.8
Bibb	11.8	11.5	49.7	12.7	10.1	3.5	12.7	49.6	18.4	0.0	1,521.2	0.0	1,401.1	185.0	16.4	2.3	24.8
Blount	14.5	9.5	61.4	6.3	9.8	6.5	23.6	45.8	7.0	224.8	1,011.0	0.0	393.2	88.4	16.4	1.4	20.1
Bullock	26.5	9.3	47.0	17.9	18.7	4.2	15.8	82.2	8.2	0.0	216.8	73.3	289.0	119.0	25.9	7.9	34.2
Butler	9.7	7.1	46.8	16.6	9.6	10.3	34.6	63.8	7.6	258.9	179.1	74.0	143.3	120.0	17.1	3.2	30.8
Calhoun	6.3	7.1	55.4	9.1	7.6	5.7	21.3	4.8	11.2	340.1	1,486.4	118.7	674.2	55.4	10.0	3.1	24.5
Chambers	12.7	8.7	54.3	18.0	1.9	4.5	16.3	30.1	8.3	1,228.3	2,002.8	120.4	372.6	72.3	25.6	3.2	24.7
Cherokee	11.0	7.7	54.6	16.1	6.9	7.6	28.0	109.1	23.5	41.8	1,464.0	0.0	122.0	65.5	16.7	2.1	25.0
Chilton	12.3	7.0	51.7	8.6	8.1	6.3	23.4	68.5	8.1	22.2	772.5	0.0	463.5	36.7	16.3	1.6	24.2
Choctaw	0.0	8.4	58.1	15.3	5.6	9.4	32.0	96.5	2.9	0.0	324.8	0.0	417.6	0.0	14.6	3.3	29.6
Clarke	9.3	9.3	54.2	16.4	10.8	1.6	6.1	49.5	8.1	500.4	286.8	52.7	286.8	40.7	21.4	6.3	29.9
Clay	0.0	5.4	51.8	8.4	13.6	4.2	16.1	0.0	14.4	255.1	434.0	0.0	310.0	196.9	9.6	1.7	21.8
Cleburne	5.3	8.0	48.1	4.8	11.3	5.7	20.8	0.0	24.7	183.6	908.5	61.2	363.4	96.9	7.4	1.4	21.4
Coffee	3.5	8.3	57.6	8.0	5.6	5.9	22.3	0.0	9.1	555.8	1,558.9	192.4	374.1	66.8	9.8	2.8	23.1
Colbert	11.5	11.0	61.5	12.6	8.5	4.9	18.1	33.0	6.3	589.8	202.8	114.2	184.4	90.7	17.9	0.7	21.0
Conecuh	29.9	11.4	51.7	11.9	15.5	6.9	25.0	72.4	18.4	356.7	968.7	0.0	341.9	99.3	9.1	9.9	39.2
Coosa	14.8	15.6	51.1	19.3	5.7	7.9	27.6	0.0	11.1	326.8	1,289.3	0.0	644.6	235.8	20.0	2.6	23.7
Covington	4.4	7.8	63.8	8.9	4.7	6.2	22.9	58.7	7.3	483.0	1,899.3	120.7	593.5	115.6	11.8	2.4	28.3
Crenshaw	16.6	8.3	55.2	11.6	6.5	3.7	14.1	0.0	12.8	124.1	1,337.4	0.0	364.7	97.0	9.2	2.4	29.9
Cullman	6.9	8.3	54.5	7.4	7.5	5.1	19.0	64.9	9.4	379.1	1,142.8	36.7	553.4	57.9	11.1	0.8	18.9
Dale	9.6	8.0	59.5	7.4	6.6	4.6	17.1	20.0	11.6	877.4	2,067.8	156.0	804.1	181.8	10.3	2.8	26.2
Dallas	14.9	12.4	52.9	21.5	10.8	4.1	15.0	28.8	8.4	275.1	967.0	145.7	1,062.1	50.7	27.3	7.8	39.2
DeKalb	4.3	7.6	53.6	7.3	6.5	5.0	18.9	46.5	6.9	221.7	1,150.4	14.8	233.0	143.5	12.0	1.3	23.4
Elmore	4.3	7.9	58.6	9.5	5.7	4.9	18.9	41.7	4.9	863.8	1,892.8	69.7	640.2	128.1	13.3	1.3	19.3
Escambia	12.4	10.4	55.6	16.8	8.8	5.6	20.6	29.7	6.7	210.5	478.0	117.0	478.0	35.1	23.9	1.3	27.8
Etowah	9.1	8.7	57.2	11.6	7.8	5.6	20.9	22.2	12.1	272.0	972.3	70.2	349.7	67.4	14.1	1.5	25.5
Fayette	4.6	8.8	50.9	7.4	14.4	7.0	24.9	60.0	11.3	913.0	1,963.5	144.2	280.5	0.0	11.6	3.6	22.3
Franklin	9.2	6.2	54.1	7.3	10.6	3.4	13.3	56.0	6.9	659.3	1,318.6	0.0	429.3	150.7	7.4	2.2	24.5
Geneva	9.4	7.5	58.9	9.4	9.2	5.0	19.0	66.8	15.0	398.6	1,494.1	36.2	533.6	166.1	13.4	1.5	28.5
Greene	12.1	10.9	36.4	25.5	8.4	6.5	24.0	0.0	16.5	73.8	142.8	0.0	71.4	0.0	30.2	4.0	44.6
Hale	0.0	11.2	49.1	13.8	10.7	4.6	17.8	77.8	4.1	0.0	598.0	0.0	726.2	212.6	12.0	3.0	34.1
Henry	15.2	6.6	65.7	10.6	9.0	7.7	28.1	0.0	4.3	698.9	1,097.8	107.5	418.2	85.4	18.3	4.6	28.6

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '99	LWB '99	CHI '99	BUT '99	FCKR '99	EDO '99	FDO '99	CDR '99	CIAN '99	JSAA '99	JSAC '99	JVCA '99	JVCC '98	PTD '99	VF '99	TANF/AFDC '99	POV '97
Houston	8.6	9.2	63.0	11.9	9.0	5.2	19.3	40.4	12.3	1,101.3	1,199.9	238.1	614.6	127.6	14.3	1.9	24.4
Jackson	6.0	8.7	54.3	7.3	5.3	5.1	18.9	10.7	8.1	0.0	1,454.3	0.0	462.7	109.2	10.5	0.9	21.7
Jefferson	12.1	10.5	62.4	12.0	6.7	3.6	13.8	34.8	6.5	547.7	933.2	206.9	1,364.9	97.2	14.0	3.9	21.5
Lamar	17.6	7.6	57.6	2.9	6.0	3.8	14.8	70.3	6.4	0.0	1,311.5	0.0	546.4	85.5	2.9	2.1	27.2
Lauderdale	6.7	8.3	64.2	8.2	3.3	4.3	16.1	20.8	5.5	1,025.0	1,462.6	131.1	557.2	34.8	10.2	1.0	19.6
Lawrence	7.0	10.1	53.5	10.6	4.2	3.3	11.9	47.5	14.8	103.2	1,386.1	0.0	1,209.7	0.0	9.9	1.8	22.2
Lee	10.0	7.2	62.8	9.3	6.0	1.9	7.2	65.9	6.4	424.4	1,415.4	191.0	707.7	37.9	12.5	1.4	19.8
Limestone	6.0	8.5	59.0	9.6	7.8	7.4	26.1	26.3	8.2	480.6	446.7	45.1	297.8	70.3	14.1	1.4	20.0
Lowndes	14.1	12.7	55.4	18.3	14.9	5.6	20.5	93.1	4.4	0.0	658.6	0.0	2,381.0	163.8	21.8	6.0	39.4
Macon	19.7	12.2	51.3	19.1	3.4	4.8	17.7	48.6	2.8	117.6	453.2	196.0	1,510.6	33.9	25.4	8.1	40.4
Madison	7.3	8.1	66.4	9.8	5.3	2.8	10.5	34.5	6.4	962.8	1,510.7	145.2	560.9	54.1	11.0	1.8	17.6
Marengo	18.3	14.0	52.1	14.9	13.8	2.6	10.0	20.2	7.9	98.8	1,523.8	98.8	571.4	105.5	14.0	4.3	32.6
Marion	13.1	7.0	55.4	7.8	7.0	4.6	17.1	75.8	9.8	769.9	2,012.4	0.0	680.7	92.9	6.1	1.2	22.5
Marshall	9.5	7.1	56.1	9.5	3.8	6.4	23.7	35.2	18.7	971.2	916.9	58.5	504.3	73.1	12.5	1.7	23.0
Mobile	10.5	10.6	55.1	13.3	11.5	4.3	15.9	47.3	9.4	573.9	1,286.7	322.4	928.7	92.4	17.5	3.9	28.8
Monroe	2.7	10.2	58.2	15.4	8.9	5.2	19.2	19.3	8.4	344.9	641.4	62.7	274.9	96.7	19.2	2.9	30.5
Montgomery	10.6	11.0	60.4	14.8	7.7	2.5	9.6	47.5	4.0	305.1	1,150.7	415.3	916.5	88.3	17.4	4.8	26.2
Morgan	9.5	9.9	55.1	8.8	3.8	5.7	21.1	24.3	8.1	1,043.8	1,245.2	126.3	371.1	126.4	12.8	1.3	16.9
Perry	5.4	10.3	47.3	24.5	10.1	3.5	13.8	0.0	7.4	55.6	54.1	111.2	216.2	72.6	34.2	7.5	45.2
Pickens	3.5	9.0	59.0	17.7	8.4	3.1	12.0	22.9	5.4	155.1	795.2	116.3	719.4	66.1	19.1	4.1	32.9
Pike	9.9	7.4	57.9	17.6	9.0	5.5	19.4	58.7	7.5	421.3	843.8	194.4	1,531.3	34.3	22.7	3.9	34.4
Randolph	12.8	11.9	53.8	13.5	18.6	6.4	22.6	26.7	9.1	655.6	865.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	3.2	27.9
Russell	10.7	10.3	58.5	13.0	5.7	5.8	20.9	21.3	14.4	598.8	1,701.7	205.8	778.4	28.2	16.4	4.0	28.0
St. Clair	13.0	5.6	57.3	7.9	8.2	5.5	20.3	73.1	11.3	206.7	4,676.0	27.6	402.4	111.5	9.9	1.7	20.2
Shelby	7.1	6.8	70.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	15.2	16.7	5.2	77.7	256.7	6.5	309.4	107.6	4.4	0.5	9.8
Sumter	18.4	12.0	45.2	18.0	5.7	5.3	20.2	86.4	10.0	46.4	180.3	185.6	450.9	123.6	20.0	9.8	40.1
Talladega	13.9	11.9	50.8	14.6	5.5	5.3	19.2	32.9	12.1	273.2	760.1	31.5	531.0	63.7	16.6	3.6	27.6
Tallapoosa	9.1	10.4	59.4	14.4	6.4	4.9	18.6	13.8	6.5	1,251.3	1,298.2	107.9	963.1	33.2	17.3	2.1	26.0
Tuscaloosa	10.0	11.1	55.6	12.9	8.7	4.5	17.0	24.9	10.0	654.4	1,167.5	311.9	520.9	42.0	13.0	2.2	24.2
Walker	6.6	8.7	52.7	10.0	7.7	1.6	6.4	23.1	10.0	159.6	1,239.8	12.3	144.4	176.8	12.6	1.4	21.2
Washington	8.6	9.4	58.8	12.9	6.8	1.5	6.0	0.0	6.2	88.5	776.5	177.1	647.1	215.2	14.1	3.8	25.4
Wilcox	9.0	13.1	48.2	22.5	10.4	4.0	14.9	30.9	11.4	0.0	412.7	93.9	596.1	161.7	24.2	11.2	44.0
Winston	10.6	8.1	58.5	4.2	8.0	6.2	23.2	46.7	4.6	0.0	834.6	0.0	265.6	181.1	7.5	1.2	23.5
Alabama	**9.8**	**9.3**	**58.5**	**11.5**	**7.6**	**4.4**	**16.7**	**36.8**	**8.3**	**552.0**	**1,170.7**	**152.0**	**887.4**	**84.0**	**14.2**	**2.8**	**23.8**

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COUNTY RANKINGS

Abbreviations: IM–Infant mortality, LWB–Low weight birth, CHI–Child health index, BUT–Births to unmarried teens, FGRR–First grade retention rate, EDO–Event dropout rate, PDO–Projected dropout rate, CDR–Child death rate, CIAN–Children with indication of abuse or neglect, JSAA–Juvenile substance abuse arrest, JSAC–Juvenile substance abuse court referral, JVCA–Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, JVCC–Juvenile violent crime court referral, PTD–Preventable teen death, VF–Vulnerable families, TANF/AFDC–Children receiving TANF, POV–Children in poverty.

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM	LWB	CHI	BUT	FGRR	EDO	PDO	CDR	CIAN	JSAA	JSAC	JVCA	JVCC	PTD	VF	TANF/AFDC	POV '97
Autauga	12	9	18	18	56	53	51	7	4	67	31	59	27	31	31	23	4
Baldwin	57	15	23	25	37	38	38	28	30	66	63	38	25	63	20	2	2
Barbour	7	60	34	58	41	9	9	45	41	65	45	41	41	45	60	52	55
Bibb	41	42	62	34	57	27	27	44	58	5	56	10	62	56	33	24	33
Blount	47	23	6	4	33	48	47	16	25	39	24	11	14	24	8	13	11
Bullock	60	64	65	62	67	21	22	52	5	11	3	23	23	3	67	61	58
Butler	14	25	47	54	50	64	64	50	31	35	7	54	4	7	48	45	53
Calhoun	49	19	38	17	35	39	37	11	57	48	59	51	47	59	12	39	30
Chambers	21	35	22	59	8	28	26	10	33	60	44	42	46	44	57	40	32
Cherokee	17	28	26	36	10	65	66	51	67	10	35	16	1	35	41	31	34
Chilton	35	34	55	22	18	49	50	60	22	20	28	22	15	28	35	27	27
Choctaw	1	36	24	45	47	61	61	26	14	1	10	1	11	10	38	48	49
Clarke	33	29	36	49	60	8	8	61	27	38	9	40	12	9	54	60	50
Clay	31	5	51	23	51	3	3	1	60	15	11	1	34	11	14	29	18
Cleburne	6	21	56	2	40	44	46	18	66	12	14	55	22	14	4	9	15
Coffee	26	4	30	29	13	36	40	3	40	54	52	45	18	52	22	33	23
Colbert	36	41	10	31	38	46	45	14	9	49	5	44	20	5	44	3	13
Conecuh	67	61	54	42	65	58	56	49	65	31	15	46	7	15	39	67	60
Coosa	20	66	61	53	29	67	67	5	53	24	41	36	57	41	53	37	26
Covington	13	16	19	38	15	57	58	63	42	45	67	28	43	67	37	35	45
Crenshaw	52	10	49	43	32	37	36	19	61	29	30	12	49	30	45	36	50
Cullman	18	17	37	8	30	6	6	36	36	37	32	17	28	32	15	4	6
Dale	61	12	12	19	21	30	30	9	52	58	62	56	59	62	17	41	38
Dallas	50	62	48	63	53	22	20	23	16	34	43	61	66	43	62	62	60
DeKalb	9	32	52	13	3	51	52	41	20	23	40	8	3	40	23	10	24
Elmore	19	26	13	28	24	23	28	39	7	57	60	34	48	60	29	18	7
Escambia	64	53	46	47	42	40	39	58	24	22	8	52	39	8	52	22	42
Etowah	29	22	20	33	27	41	41	17	56	19	27	33	21	27	30	12	36
Fayette	22	11	53	10	46	63	62	59	51	63	66	48	29	66	10	38	20
Franklin	27	31	42	5	59	20	21	62	10	44	55	13	38	55	3	28	30
Geneva	38	6	33	30	39	35	35	64	55	30	54	25	51	54	27	19	46
Greene	45	67	67	66	58	62	60	66	59	18	2	1	6	2	64	55	66
Hale	3	58	66	55	62	29	29	46	26	8	16	18	56	16	55	44	57
Henry	55	38	8	32	54	56	57	2	1	59	64	32	31	64	40	53	47

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County	IM	LWB	CHI	BUT	FGRR	IDO	PDO	CDR	CIAN	JSAA	JSAC	JVCA	JVCC	PTD	VF	TANF/AFDC	POV '97
Houston	39	37	7	35	55	43	42	31	32	61	34	58	50	34	34	26	29
Jackson	16	30	43	15	7	45	48	13	44	14	57	1	13	57	13	6	17
Jefferson	54	52	5	40	26	18	18	30	23	50	33	62	65	33	36	47	16
Lamar	66	39	21	3	23	12	13	57	8	1	20	1	24	20	2	17	40
Lauderdale	8	44	3	11	6	17	15	12	37	55	48	49	30	48	9	7	8
Lawrence	15	45	35	26	17	4	4	43	62	9	51	1	54	51	16	16	19
Lee	37	3	4	20	9	5	5	47	19	52	47	65	55	47	18	21	9
Limestone	4	14	15	12	28	55	55	42	12	36	6	30	9	6	19	25	10
Lowndes	65	65	29	64	66	52	53	65	3	1	12	35	64	12	63	59	62
Macon	59	59	59	61	19	14	14	54	34	41	17	43	63	17	59	64	64
Madison	10	13	2	16	2	13	12	35	15	62	46	57	40	46	11	30	5
Marengo	25	63	57	52	64	7	7	22	17	13	53	27	53	53	32	58	54
Marion	63	1	14	7	12	33	33	55	54	47	61	9	26	61	5	5	21
Marshall	28	18	45	14	4	60	63	48	64	53	18	21	33	18	21	20	22
Mobile	58	54	44	44	63	26	24	40	45	46	49	66	58	49	49	50	48
Monroe	11	49	41	48	44	32	34	8	11	28	23	26	5	23	50	42	52
Montgomery	62	48	9	50	22	16	17	33	2	43	36	67	52	36	51	57	38
Morgan	44	24	31	21	16	59	59	24	39	56	39	53	19	39	26	8	3
Perry	30	46	60	65	43	54	54	15	43	7	1	37	10	1	66	63	67
Pickens	2	47	11	60	48	2	2	25	48	27	29	39	45	29	58	56	56
Pike	48	43	16	56	49	50	44	37	18	32	26	47	61	26	61	49	59
Randolph	53	40	27	37	61	34	31	32	35	40	42	19	35	42	46	43	43
Russell	43	33	39	41	20	66	65	34	63	42	58	60	44	58	43	54	44
St. Clair	32	2	28	9	34	42	43	38	49	25	65	20	16	65	7	15	12
Shelby	23	7	1	1	1	15	16	21	6	16	22	14	17	22	1	1	1
Sumter	56	50	64	57	11	19	19	56	21	21	4	29	37	4	56	65	63
Talladega	46	57	58	51	14	24	23	4	50	33	19	15	32	19	47	46	41
Tallapoosa	51	51	17	46	25	31	32	6	13	64	50	64	60	50	42	34	37
Tuscaloosa	42	55	40	39	31	25	25	27	46	51	37	63	36	37	25	32	27
Walker	34	20	50	24	36	10	10	29	47	26	38	24	2	38	24	11	14
Washington	40	27	32	27	45	1	1	20	29	17	13	31	42	13	28	51	35
Wilcox	5	56	63	67	52	11	11	67	38	6	25	50	67	25	65	66	65
Winston	24	8	25	6	5	47	49	53	28	4	21	1	8	21	6	14	25

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DEFINITIONS, NOTES AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Births to Unmarried Teens

The number of live births to unmarried females aged 10 through 19 expressed as a percentage of live births to women of all ages. Data are reported by mother's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997, Table 4-26 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

Child Death Rate

Number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 through 14 per 100,000 children of those ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, and 1992, Table 5-5; and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1999.

Child Day Care Facilities

The number of legal child day care facilities located within a specified county as of September and December, 2000. "Legal facilities" are those that are registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. This indicator encompasses family day care homes (serving six children or less), group day care homes (serving 7-12 children), licensed day care centers (serving more than 12 children), and day care centers that are exempt from licensure (serving more than 12 children with church exemption). Homes where children are cared for by relatives or friends, as well as those that operate as businesses but are not registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, are not included in these numbers.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

Children in Poverty

Children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all children under 18.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. *1990 Census of Population and Housing, CP-2-2, Social and Economic Characteristics*, Tables 29 and 149; and Bureau of the Census, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch, *County Estimates for People Under Age 18 in Poverty for Alabama: 1997*, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/stcty/d_9701.html >, Table D97-01, Released November, 2000.

Children Receiving AFDC/TANF

Number of children in families receiving AFDC/TANF payments during February of the specified year expressed as a percentage of all children under 20. In 1996, the AFDC program ("Aid to Families with Dependent Children") became the TANF program ("Temporary Assistance to Needy Families").

Data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Management and Fiscal Analysis Division.

Children with Indication of Abuse or Neglect

Number of children with indication of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under 18. This measure involves instances of child abuse or neglect where both credible evidence and the professional judgement of the social worker substantiate that an alleged perpetrator is responsible for harming the child.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Center for Information Services Partnership.

Children's Health Index

Percent of total births with none of six birth characteristics that affect children's later school success (late or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain, mother smoked during pregnancy, mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, three or more older siblings, and closely spaced birth).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Event Dropout Rate

The number of students who dropped out of grades 9-12 during the specified school year expressed as a percentage of the total enrolled in grades 9-12 on the fortieth day of that school year. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Alabama public schools adhere to the definition of "dropout" developed by the National Center of Education Statistics. According to this definition, a dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school sometime during the previous year and was not enrolled on October 1 of the current school year; or was not enrolled on October 1 of the previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program; and does not meet any of the exclusionary conditions (i.e., transfer to another school system or approved educational program, temporary absence due to suspension or illness, or death).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

First Grade Retention Rate

The number of students enrolled in the first grade during the specified school year who were not promoted to the second grade expressed as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the first grade. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Education.

Infant Mortality Rate

Number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data are reported by infant's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1989 through 1997, Tables 5-29 (1988-89), 5-31 (1990-93), and Volume 4 (1994-97); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health for 1998 and 1999.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Arrest Rate

Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10-17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Court Referral Rate

Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate

Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for violent offenses (homicide/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

Juvenile Violent Crime Court Referral Rate

Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, or simple assault per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

Low Weight Births

Percentage of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams). Data are reported by mother's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997, Table 4-23 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989, 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

Population

Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to all persons under 18 years of age. **Data reported for race in 1990 and 2000 are not totally comparable due to changes in the 2000 census questionnaire. In 2000, census respondents could select more than one race category, but they could select only one in 1990.** In addition, the data reported for 1990 for individual race categories (i.e., white, African-American and "other") include Hispanics (who can be of any race), while those reported for 2000 do not. Instead, the Hispanic child population in 2000 is reported separately.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, Summary Tape File 1A, Issued in CD-Format, September, 1991; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000 Redistricting Data* (Public Law 94-171) *Summary Data*, Tables PL1 (Race) and PL3 (Race for the Population 18 Years and Over), Released March, 2001 <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTTable?_ts=6209883220> (Table PL1) and <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTTable?_ts=6087422050> (Table PL3); U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics, Alabama, Released May, 2001 <http://www2.census.gov/census_2000/datasets/demographic_profile/Alabama/>; and U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Population Estimates for Counties by Age and Sex: Annual Time Series, July 1, 1990 to July 1, 1999*, Released August, 2000, <http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/county/cas/cas01.txt>.

Preventable Teen Death Rate

Number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to persons aged 15 through 19 per 100,000 persons in that age group.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Projected Dropout Rate

The proportion of the ninth grade class for the specified school year that would drop out of school prior to graduation if that year's grade specific dropout rates were to remain constant in subsequent years. This procedure produces a projected, four-year dropout rate for a hypothetical cohort of students. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data. For the definition of "dropout" used by Alabama's public school systems, see the information reported above for the "Event Dropout Rate."

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

Trend Analysis

Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminant" (—). Annual data are not available for children in poverty; hence, poverty rates for 1989, 1993, 1995 and 1997 were used as the data points for curve estimation.

Vulnerable Families

First births to unmarried teenage mothers who had not finished high school as a percentage of all live births.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

All data are reported by county of residence except the juvenile violent crime arrest rate and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate (tabulated according to the county where the arrest occurred) and the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate (tabulated according to the county where the offense took place).

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